

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

New Aircraft

THE Minister of Supply's revelation that at least 225 million has been spent on the development of new jet and turbo-prop aircraft—all of which were subsequently abandoned—may surprise many British taxpayers. Particularly when it is coupled with the statement by a prominent Socialist MP, Mr George Wigg, that "these failures have left the aircraft industry a generation behind the Americans."

But while there is a good deal of sense in Mr Wigg's other assertion that the industry should be "revolutionised" to concentrate all its productive resources upon the best designs, it is unfair to write off the developmental expenditure as a "failure." In fact, this money was spent in a bold bid to capture leadership of the air in the jet age. True, the Americans appear to have gained the initiative but it is not yet possible to pronounce a final judgment.

WHILE no one will dispute America's supremacy in the design and production of military aircraft, it is as yet untrue to say that Britain is far behind its American competitors in the production of jet and turbo-prop aircraft. America has plans for two long-range jet airliners—the Boeing and the Douglas—which are impressive on paper but which have yet to prove their ability. Britain has none in the same class following the decision to abandon the Vickers V-1000 project.

But this has caused little disappointment. Indeed experts on both sides of the Atlantic are saying that the new giants of the jet age are likely to be so heavy that few airports outside of London and New York have runways long enough and strong enough to take them. Britain's Comet IV does not face the same handicaps. It has a shorter range, but is lighter and should prove an efficient and competitive craft on all but the trans-Atlantic route.

With its turbo-prop aircraft Britain is in a much better position. America has in the course of development the medium range Lockheed Electra—with a temporary power unit—and not much else, unless the Super Constellation and the Convair are adapted. Britain has in prospect the long-range Britannia, the medium-range Vickers Vanguard, and in quantity production the Viscount which is selling well all over the world. And the industry has a number of jet and turbo-prop engines of proven excellence.

THERE is not quite the same confidence in the new American power units and it has even been suggested that some of the new American planes should be equipped with British jet and turbo-prop engines. It is therefore wrong to say that British commercial aircraft are a "generation" behind the Americans. In the field of military aircraft, it is of course a different story and it is this side of the industry to which Mr Wigg's remarks should more properly apply.

Some Vickers Valentia are now in squadron service but there are not nearly enough to convince anyone that the jet force is as yet being properly equipped for the jet age. Certainly its needs demand top priority, but it is doubtful whether the RAF is fully satisfied with all three V-class bombers so far designed. Once it has made up its mind that will be the time to seek the co-operation of the industry to concentrate all its resources on building a powerful modern air force.

# RUSSIA EXPLODES AN H-BOMB

## The Largest To Date OFFICIAL U.S. STATEMENT

Washington, Nov. 23.

The Atomic Energy Commission disclosed tonight that Russia had set off the largest hydrogen bomb since the Soviet atomic programme began. Some experts linked it with a reported "earthquake" in Siberia.

The AEC chairman, Admiral Lewis Strauss, said the blast, latest in the Soviet 1955 test series, "was in the range of megatons." It was the first time the Commission has measured the punch of a Russian explosion, indicating that the US has new devices for detecting A-blasts.

A megaton represents the explosive equivalent of 1,000,000 tons of TNT. President Eisenhower, speaking about big atomic bombs on December 8, 1953, said then that they ranged up to about 500,000 tons of equivalent TNT.

Estimates of the size of the US H-bombs have run from 12,000,000 tons up to 20,000,000 tons. The Atomic Commission gave no indication of how big the Soviet hydrogen explosion might have been.

## WAVES DETECTED

But the fact that the AEC announcement referred to megatons strongly indicated that the United States now has ways of detecting Soviet explosions other than by picking up radioactive particles in the atmosphere. Such devices could measure energy waves travelling through the atmosphere or shock waves travelling through the ground.

Before the Commission issued its announcements, the Weston College Observatory seismograph at Weston, Massachusetts, recorded a "strong" earthquake about 6,300 miles northwest of Boston, possibly in the Kamchatka peninsula in Siberia.

A Weston Observatory spokesman said the shock was recorded at 1.41 a.m. EST. At Fordham University, New York, the seismograph recorded a "quake" coming in two shocks at 1.41 a.m. and 1.51 a.m.

Russia announced some time ago that it had successfully tested a hydrogen bomb.—United Press.

## FOUR TOWNS WIPED OUT BY FLOODS

Bogota, Colombia, Nov. 23. Four towns on the banks of the Magdalena River were reported today to have been virtually wiped out by flood waters of the big river, Colombia's chief inland waterway. Seventeen other towns in the lower reaches of the river were reported flooded. Guaimaro, Remedio, Salamina and Siles Nuevo, in Atlantico department, were said to have borne the brunt of the flood. Only 25 of Siles Nuevo's 707 private dwellings remained habitable, the reports said. More than 15,000 persons were evacuated from the other 17 flooded towns, all in Bolivar department. No casualties had been reported but damages were said to be heavy in homes, public utilities and crops. Thousands of heads of cattle were reported drowned. In the valley of the Cauca River, the country's second major waterway, the town of Bugalagrande was flooded and at least 1,000 persons were evacuated.—United Press.

## New Move To Delete Algerian Question From UN Assembly's Agenda

United Nations, Nov. 23.

Colombia and three other South American countries today proposed that the United Nations delete from its agenda the Algerian question—the issue which caused France to walk out of the General Assembly.

Assembly President Jose Maza of Chile called the world parliament to meet Friday morning to decide whether it should take such action and pave the way for France to return.

The South American action was disclosed at the start of the Assembly's Main Political Committee's afternoon meeting by Chairman Sir Leslie Knox Murray of New Zealand.

He read a letter from Mr Maza disclosing that the representatives of Colombia, Chile, Cuba and Ecuador this morning submitted to him a "proposal to the effect that the item entitled 'The Question of Algeria' should be deleted from the Assembly's agenda."

"I think it appropriate," Mr Maza's letter said, "to inform you that following this request I have decided to convene a plenary meeting of the Assembly on Friday at 10.30 a.m. EST in order to take up this question."

The South American decision to put the issue squarely to the Assembly followed weeks of fruitless negotiations on a formula to enable France to be boycotted when it began on Sept. 30 when the world parliament decided by a 26-27 vote to put the Algerian question on its work-sheet.

## FRENCH ATTITUDE

French sources said any proposal that could lead to their return under full face-saving conditions must first be submitted to Paris and it was unlikely that the French delegation, under any circumstances, would be back in its seats before next week.

As soon as Sir Leslie read Mr Maza's letter to the Committee, the group approved an Equatorial adjustment motion by a 40-0 vote.—United Press.

## STOP PRESS

## Bulganin Offers India Economic Aid

Bombay, Nov. 23.

### MP Checking Slavery Reports

London, Nov. 23. Socialist MP James Johnson is checking reports that slaves are being abducted from the South Sudan through Abyssinia to Arabia.

Today in the House of Commons he asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether British warships still patrolled the Red Sea to counter slaving. He was told that all British ships were under orders to search for suspected slavers, but that there had been no incidents in recent years.

Mr Johnson said he had received reports of an active slave trade but that he wanted to check them before he went any further.

Slavery is still legal and widely practised in Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, London Express Service.

### ADENAUER BACK AT WORK TODAY

Bonn, Nov. 23. The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, now recovered from his recent attack of bronchitis pneumonia, will resume his official duties tomorrow. The Chancellor was taken ill on October 17.

### CO-EXISTENCE

"The Soviet people note with great satisfaction that in the vital question of defence of peace the people of India are fighting actively with those who are in favour of peaceful co-existence."

Prime Minister, Nehru in the case of peace and, said Nehru's name was closely connected with the fight of the people of India for peace and effort to establish friendly relations between countries and in favour of peaceful co-existence. "The Prime Minister of India fully knows that co-existence is the only way for all the states. Otherwise there is only one alternative—mutual destruction."

### DEEP RESPECT

"On behalf of the Soviet Union I express my deep respect for the position of the government of India which is standing for prohibition of atomic weapons, against the spread of a new war and for the settlement of all international problems by means of negotiations."

The Soviet people salute the efforts of the government of India in the cause of peace and for solutions of unsettled problems of Asia.

"As a result of their mutual efforts," the Chinese People's Republic, India and the Soviet Union have stressed the principles of "co-existence" between China, India, the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. Marshal Bulganin said.

## Make Use Of Overseas Civil Servants In London Urges Conservative MP

## COLONIAL OFFICE SYSTEM ATTACKED

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Nov. 23.

Conservative MP Captain Henry Kerby appealed today for abolition of the system whereby advice from HM Overseas Civil Service officials passed through the Home Civil Service. He also wanted to know what steps the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, was taking to ensure that experienced officers of the overseas civil service are placed in posts in Britain so they can directly tender advice on "all important questions of policy."

Replied the Colonial Secretary: "I attach great importance to ensuring that the experience of suitably qualified members of the overseas civil service continues to be made available in London in as direct a form as is practicable."

A relatively large number of appointments and postings has been made to this end, added Mr Lennox-Boyd.

Said former diplomat Kerby to me in an interview:

"There is an immense amount of ill-feeling and bitterness about this among men serving in the colonies."

He attacked the present system under which the advice of experienced overseas civil servants was "filtered through the civil service in Britain and then, as often as not, disregarded."

### F.O. SYSTEM

It was, he said, high time that we got rid of "the normal channels through which overseas civil servants made their reports. He believes the Foreign Office system should be adopted by the Colonial Office.

Under this system the Foreign Office diplomatic staff, he said, are constantly being switched between London and foreign stations, thus ensuring there were experienced men always in London to take decisions and give expert advice.

The Colonial Office had an entirely different system and overseas personnel were switched from one colonial station to another, but rarely, he claimed, were they brought back to London.

They could make reports and recommendations but decisions were taken by "time-serving" civil servants in London who, said Captain Kerby, "virtually have never been abroad."

### INVALUABLE

Overseas civil servants of proved ability should be brought back home for a spell of duty in London where their experience would be invaluable, thought Captain Kerby.

While urging the Colonial Office to adopt the Foreign Office system, Capt. Kerby said it must at all costs avoid the latter's mistake of "covering up failures." If a colonial administrator proved unsuccessful in one post he should not be sent to do a similar job in another colony.

The Colonial Secretary, apart from saying that he attached great importance to the experience of overseas civil servants being available in London, gave no information as to what further steps he proposed to take in either of the two points raised by Capt. Kerby.

## Britain Voted Off FAO Executive Council

Rome, Nov. 23.

Britain was tonight voted off from the 24-nation executive council of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization at a conference here.

One of the five European countries competing for the four places on the council, Britain received the lowest tally of votes from 11 delegates to the conference.

The United States immediately made a very strong protest against the elimination of Britain from the executive council which rules the FAO policy between the biennial conferences.

Another vote on an Australian point of order requested that the validity of the vote be referred to the conference general committee and that today's session be adjourned. It was passed by 22 votes to 10. Britain abstained.

It is possible that after hearing the general committee's advice, the conference would decide whether to hold the vote again.

Britain is the second largest contributor to the FAO budget and it is thought that its earlier call for economies in the FAO spending has antagonised some of the nations.—Reuter.

## UN Package Deal

## US Easing Opposition To Outer Mongolia

New York, Nov. 23.

The United States was reported tonight to be easing in its opposition to Outer Mongolia as a possible new member of the United Nations and thus brightening the prospects for eventual approval of a blanket list of 18 applicants.

Informed diplomatic sources said that as a result of talks which have been going on for the past two weeks the United States was now shifting its previous adamant position.

The same sources said that the United States' chief pre-occupation regarding this matter now was to persuade the Chinese Nationalist government, which occupies one of the Big Four seats in the Security Council, not to veto the Outer Mongolian application if and when it comes up.

The United States had indicated its willingness to accept four Soviet-sponsored candidates in the list of 18, but had opposed Outer Mongolia. In return, the Soviet delegation had declared that it must be "all or nothing."

They threatened that if Outer Mongolia was not elected, the Soviet delegation would veto all other applicants.—Reuter.

## Fortune For Insane Killer

New York, Nov. 23.

An insane killer, who two years ago murdered his parents by serving them a poisoned champagne toast, today inherited \$59,000 of their estate.

Harlow Fraden, now an inmate of the Matteawan State Institute for the criminally insane, will receive all but \$10,000 of the \$75,000 estate his parents left after he killed them. The \$10,000 will be shared by 13 other relatives under the provisions of an agreement approved today by the Bronx Surrogate.

Fraden is now 24. His portion of the legacy will be administered by an attorney.

Under the law a murderer is barred from sharing any part of the estate of his victim. However, Fraden was proven insane both before and at the time of the poisoning. Under the law an insane killer is entitled to benefit.

Fraden had an accomplice, Dennis Weppman, 22, who is serving a jail term for second degree murder.—United Press.

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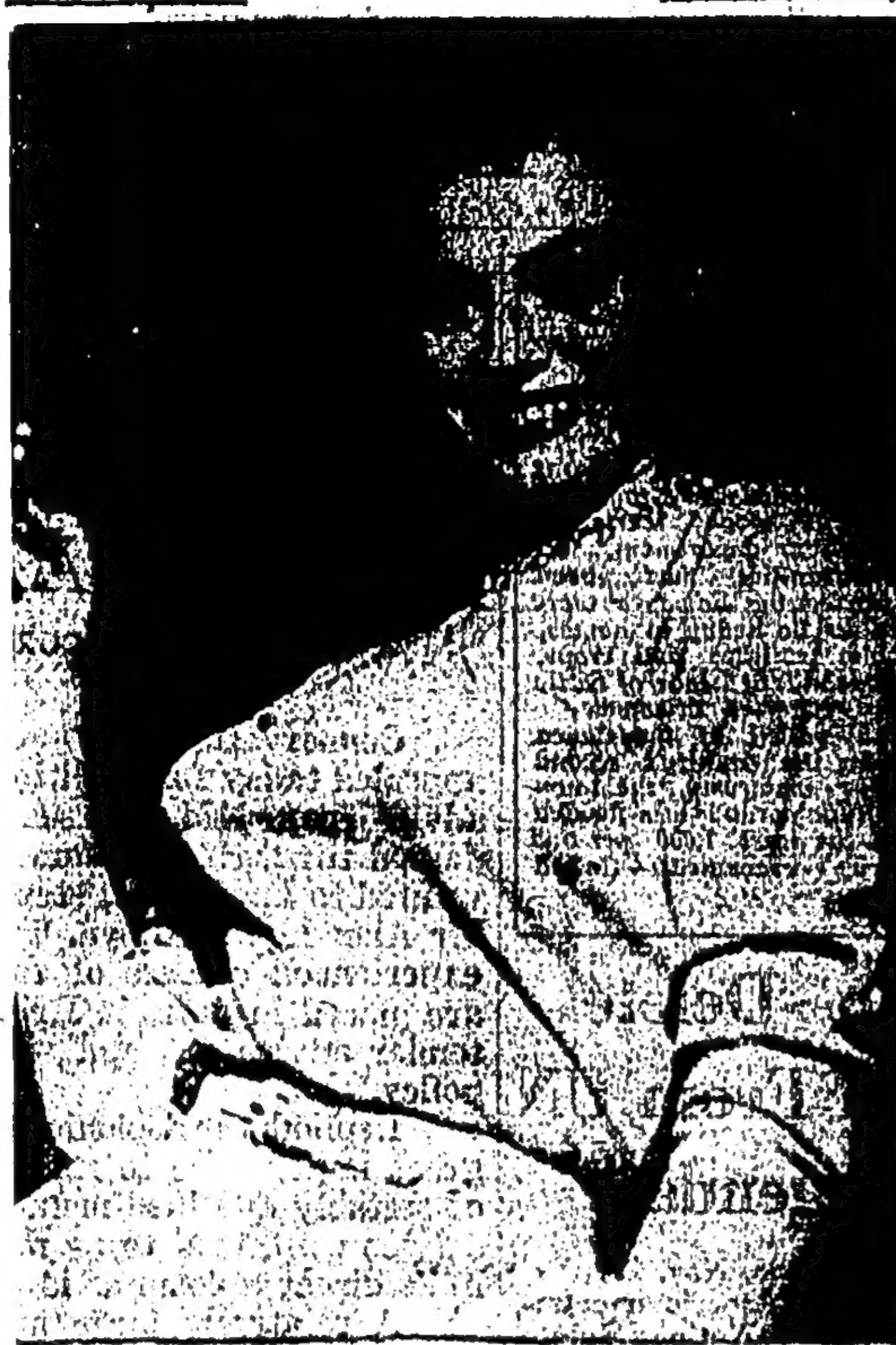
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# Control: Key To Disarmament

## New Swedish Bombshell



Anita Ekberg, latest Hollywood import from Sweden, which in the past has presented the US film capital with such gifted performers as Greta Garbo and Ingrid Bergman, arrived in London last week. She has made four films to date, is to appear with Britain's Michael Wilding in Columbia's "Arak Khan." Picture here shows her at a press reception in London. Furry, hah? — Express Photo.

## Beria's Men Were Condemned Last September

Moscow, Nov. 23. The five "Beria men" whose execution was announced in Tiflis yesterday, had been condemned to death last September, sources close to the Georgian Communist Party Central Committee said today.

Although the Moscow press has been silent concerning the affair, Georgian circles here categorically denied that the executions were connected with the present situation in the Georgian Republic.

They affirmed that the executions were strictly in connection with the activities of the former Interior Minister, Lavrenti Beria, who was himself executed in December, 1953. Valia, arriving in Moscow from Georgia today said the situation in the Republic was calm. Informed sources said the delay in the execution of the five men may have sprung from the fact that two of the principal suspects, Avtandil Papava and Nicolas Rukhadze, had been mortal enemies before becoming associated with Beria.

### 16 Executed

The execution of the five men raised to 16 the number of persons who have been executed so far in connection with the "Beria affair."

Seven persons, including Beria himself, were executed after the Moscow trial of December, 1953, four were executed after the Leningrad trial of December, 1954, and five were executed according to the Tiflis announcement.

In addition, four persons have been sentenced to prison terms in connection with the affair: two to 15 and 25 years, in Leningrad, and two others to the same sentences in Tiflis. — France-Press.

Milwaukee, Nov. 23. A doctor found \$4,400 in the shoe of Mr. Frank Heimlinger, who died here after suffering a heart attack while he was out walking. The money was in four \$1,000 and four \$100 notes. Another \$104 was found in his coat pocket. — China Mail Special.

## National Guard Back In Strike Zone

New Castle, Ind., Nov. 23. GOVERNOR George Craig ordered 85 armed National Guard troops back into the Perfect Circle Corp. strike zone today to halt renewed violence.

A company of Guardsmen from Connersville, Indiana, bolstered by four half-tracks, was to arrive at 8 p.m. and impose "modified" martial law. Mr. Craig was "disturbed" about a new outbreak of violence

against the Perfect Circle foundry and the homes of non-strikers.

He contacted Mayor Paul McCormack after reading a report on the situation from Guard observers and Mr. McCormack asked that a Guard unit return.

During the night, rocks were hurled through 10 windows at the foundry and windows were shot out in the homes of three non-striking employees, James Owens of New Castle,

Kenneth Griffin of Hillsboro and a man who asked to remain unidentified.

A plant guard said he "saw about eight people" throwing rocks at the factory. He scared them off by firing his gun into the air.

There has been labour unrest at the foundry since Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) United Auto Workers called a strike there and at three other Perfect Circle plants at Hagersown and Richmond on July 25. — United Press.

## FRANCE PROPOSES COMPROMISE PLAN TO U.N.

United Nations, Nov. 23.

France today emphasised that control is the key to disarmament and proposed a compromise plan to the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

French delegate Jules Moch told a meeting of the 12-nation Commission that he was not putting his plan up as a "working paper" at this time, but suggesting it for study.

The Commission in its search for a disarmament plan should be guided by three principles, he said:

"No control without disarmament; no disarmament without control; but, progressively, all disarmament that can be currently controlled."

The overall plan, he said, would centre around suggestions made by Britain, France and the US in early meetings. These would reduce by half conventional armaments and armed forces and then end the manufacture of all kinds of nuclear weapons and other prohibited weapons.

### Preparatory Stage

"But the two stages in the implementation of the disarmament programme would be preceded by a preparatory stage in which the first elements of control would be set up and the new procedures suggested at Geneva by the heads of government would go into operation," M. Moch told the Commission.

The heads of government proposals were: by President Eisenhower, aerial inspection of Russia and the US by "open sky" reconnaissance flights and an exchange of military blueprints; by British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, the setting up of a "pilot zone" for inspection and limitation of armed forces; and by French Premier Edgar Faure, a gradual reduction of military budgets.

### General Course

"The Eisenhower, Eden and Faure plans would thus be integrated into a general course of action," M. Moch said.

The French Disarmament Commission delegate said his government has renounced "temporarily" the destruction of atomic stocks already constituted, because of the impossibility of control.

He suggested the use of existing atomic stocks be "prohibited."

M. Moch in his proposal also called for a "prohibition of national test explosions for military purposes," but "under dual international control scientific and political tests designed to develop the peaceful uses of atomic energy."

### Pinpoint Search

The Frenchman also suggested the holding of "periodic scientific conferences to pinpoint the search for methods of detecting the stocks" of atomic weapons so they could be destroyed.

The Disarmament Commission meeting today was called at the request of France to consider the annual report to the General Assembly. — United Press.

## Snake Milks A Goat?

Madrid, Nov. 23. A snake was milking a goat when a peasant went to round up his herd at the village of Chiclana de Segura, near Jaen. When he drove the snake off the goat went to look for it, bleating pitifully. — China Mail Special.

## Now Germany Breeds A 'Super-Bee'

Bonn, Nov. 23. A German beekeeper has bred a "super-bee" which works far harder than the normal variety.

Two races of bees were in-bred over seven generations on the Frisian island of Suderduch, where there were no other bees to disturb the experiment. The two races were then mixed to produce the "super-bee."

Some of the inbred bees were degenerate. The "work-bees" shunned work and some hives failed to produce any males, so that they died out.

But bees resulting from the mixing of the races were resistant to illness and exceptionally industrious. The queens were taken away from their hives to encourage them to hatch out "substitute" queens. It is hoped to provide most bee-keepers in Schleswig-Holstein with these "super-queens" next year. — China Mail Special.

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# US Remaining Outside Bagdad

## Alliance MAY ACHIEVE MORE AT THE MOMENT

Bagdad, Nov. 23.

The US observer on the Bagdad Pact Council said today the United States will not now join the "northern tier" defence alliance but does not rule out future membership.

US Ambassador Waldmar Gallman, who sat in on the Bagdad Pact's first Council session on Monday and Tuesday, clarified the US position in a press statement.

"Under existing conditions," Mr. Gallman said, "the United States is not contemplating now joining the Pact but eventual adherence is not ruled out."

### Widen Membership

He did not specify the "existing conditions" to which he referred but explained, "The United States believes it may be able to contribute more at the moment by remaining outside the Pact."

Observers believed this indicated a US belief that the Pact would more easily widen its membership if it remained nominally independent of direct ties to the United States.

But as a non-member the United States had already tightened its ties to the northern tier states by promising permanent liaison with the Pact's Council of Ministers, its Economic Council and its Military Committee.

Iraqi Premier Nouri el Said, who is chairman of the

Bagdad Pact Council, conferred today with Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes who stayed overnight at the Turkish Embassy here after the close of the meeting yesterday.

The two Premiers talked for three hours but no details of their conversation were disclosed. They will meet again tomorrow before Premier Menderes leaves for Ankara.

### Moscow Charge

Moscow Radio charged today that the Pact "furthers the aggressive plans of the West" and that the United States declaration that she does not intend to join the pact yet did not fool anyone.

A Moscow broadcast heard in London renewed the Soviet attack on the Pact for the first time since the Ministers of the five nations met in the Iraqi capital on Monday. It said the five nations were "parties to the aggressive military grouping in the Middle and Near East."

"The United States, which has played a decisive role in the creation of the Bagdad Pact, is apparently still trying to pretend not to have anything to do with it," said the broadcast.

"This, however, can hardly deceive anybody. The Egyptian Prime Minister, Colonel Nasser, said that the presence of the two US observers at the conference... indicated that the US has virtually joined the Pact."

"As can be seen from the special communiqué the main objective of the conference was to put organization touches to the new military grouping in the Near and Middle East. It transpires from the communiqué that the Bagdad Pact set-up is following closely the pattern of other aggressive alliances."

### Borne Opt

"This is borne out by the statement made by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Macmillan, to the effect that Britain sought to create a military organization that would not differ from the North Atlantic bloc and SEATO."

The broadcast said the Bagdad Pact "constitutes yet another attempt by the Western powers to forge further ahead with their aggressive plan in the Near and Middle East. It is clear that such actions are in contradiction to the interests of peace and security in that part of the world." — United Press.

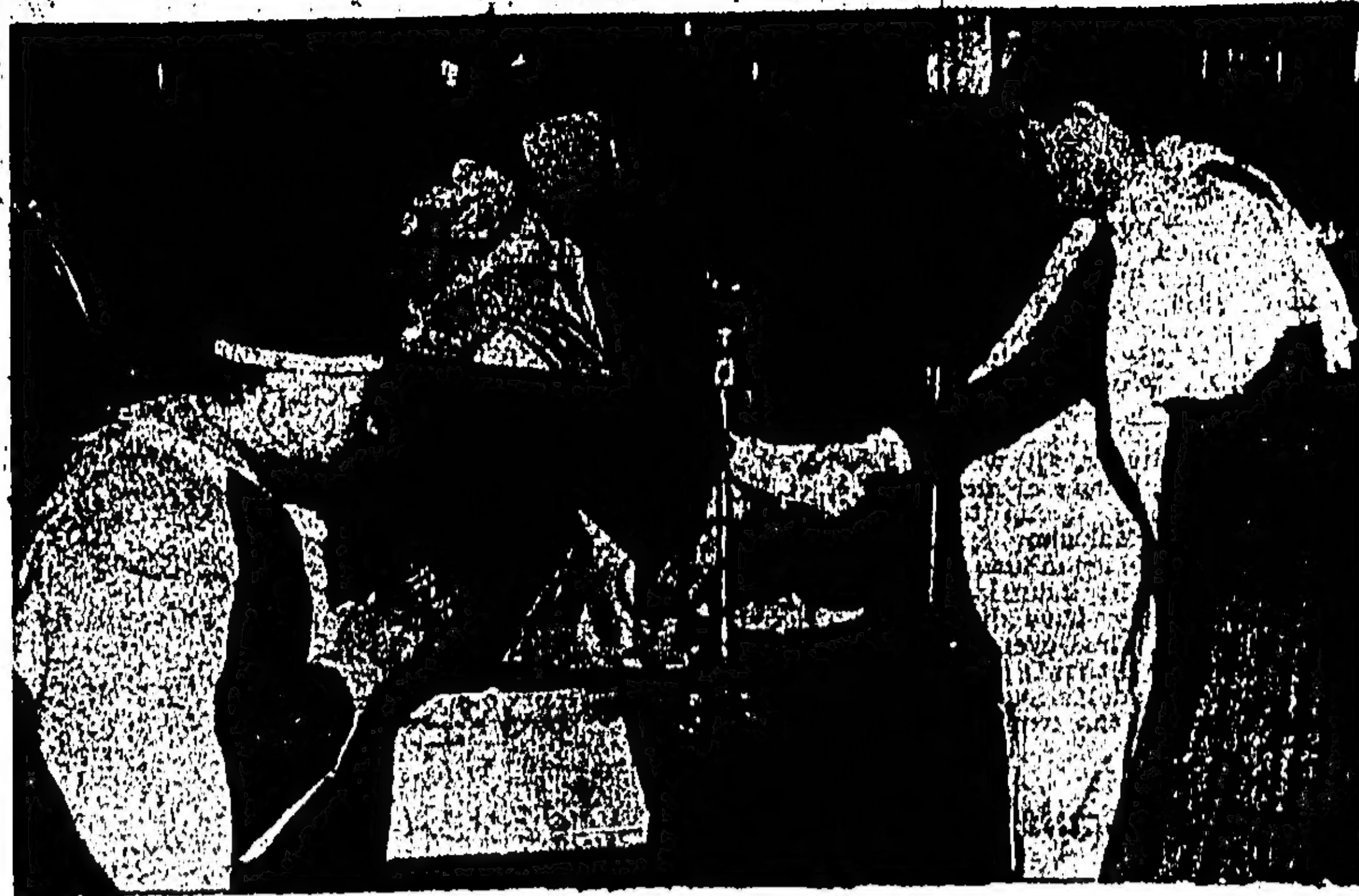
## Theatre Group Invited To Moscow

Moscow, Nov. 23. Plans are under way to bring the Stratford Shakespeare Memorial Theatre company or the London Old Vic group to Moscow for a tour next autumn, a Russian official said today.

Vladimir Yakovlev, Vice-President of the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, also disclosed that invitations had been issued to an unidentified British ballet troupe and to conductor Arthur Bliss and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Yakovlev said Russia had invited a delegation of British Museum officials to Moscow and had asked Britain to put on in the British capital an exhibition of British paintings. Urging the widest possible expansion of British-Russian cultural relations, Mr. Yakovlev said a Soviet ballet group was expected to tour Britain in January.

## Hunt Made Wine Peer



Sir John Hunt, leader of the British expedition which conquered Mount Everest, was last week invested a wine peer of the Jurado of St Emilion, France. The Jurado is an organization of wine growers and the occasion was thought to be the first meeting of English peers of the Jurado since 1051. Peers of the Jurado are men who have demonstrated their knowledge and support of the wines of St Emilion. Picture shows Sir John being congratulated by M. Jean Dubois, the Jurado President, after being invested as a new peer. In left foreground is M. Daniel Queux, a member of the Jurado. — Express Photo.

## Congressman Investigating Junketing Colleagues

Washington, Nov. 23.

The Defence Department has agreed to provide a stay-at-home Congressman with the complete records of the junkets taken by his widely-travelled colleagues, it was learned today.

Whether the report will be made public depends on the Congressman who prefers to remain anonymous, at least for the time being.

About 400 lawmakers are believed to have made trips abroad this year, mostly at taxpayer expense. For one reason or another, information on the cost of the trips and other details is difficult for the public to get. Many Congressmen are just as happy to leave it that way.

### Would Oblige

But the anonymous member, who has been critical of his colleagues' globe-trotting, has asked the Pentagon for the full story. The Defence Department said it would oblige.

The Department said the information would include how

many Congressmen used military transportation for overseas travel and how many took their wives, aides and "guests" along.

The military services, which supply most of the transportation and some of the meals and lodging, never have divulged in the past the travel records of Congressional members who decide that something overseas needs investigating.

The government-owned Panama Canal Company also has eked up a secrecy lid on how many Congressmen are taking 15-day cruises to Panama

at taxpayer expense aboard company lines.

### Special Rates

Mr. W. M. Whitman, company secretary, told a reporter it has a "long-standing" policy of keeping such information confidential. The policy also applies to the wives of Congressmen, who get special rates for the cruises.

It will take six to eight weeks for the Defence Department to compile the information requested by the Congressman on what is probably an all-time record for overseas junkets this year. — United Press.

## Rights Of Man

## AUSTRALIA AGAINST CLAUSE

United Nations, Nov. 23.

The Australian delegate to the United Nations, Mr. McClure-Smith, today told the Social Committee that Australia would refuse to sign any declarations on the rights of man if the right of peoples to self-determination were included.

Mr. McClure-Smith was speaking against the request of the Afro-Asian nations in the United Nations to have the right of self-determination written into the human rights declaration. He said the right of self-determination was a principle, not a right. Such an article would only encourage secession within sovereign states, especially in multi-racial states, he said.

### Belgian View

The Belgian delegate, Madame G. Ciselet, also spoke against the proposal, and asked how the right of self-determination would be carried out.

This was left too vague in the article put forward, she said, and the idea of self-determination would only bring confusion and violence, she added.

The Danish delegate, Mr. Hermod Lynning, suggested that the idea of the right to self-determination should be added to the declarations in a separate document. — France Press.

## Wettest Place

### In World

Calcutta, Nov. 23. The wettest place in the world, Maunabo village in Hawaii, had 535 inches (44 ft 7 in., 1,353 cms) of rain in the first nine months of 1955. This is 20 times as much as London and 12 times as much as New York get in a full year. Maunabo had 198 inches (502 cms) of rain in July alone. Nearby Cherrapunji which once held the title of "Wettest Place in the World" has now been beaten for two seasons running. Maunabo had a lead of 100 inches (254 cms) this year. — China Mail Special.

## US Interested In S. African Defence Pact

Johannesburg, Nov. 23.

The South African Defence Minister, Mr. F. C. Erasmus, disclosed in an official statement at Pretoria today that his recent visit to the United States had been undertaken to enlist the support of the American Government for an African defence pact, south of the Sahara.

Mr. Erasmus returned to South Africa last night after defence talks in the United States, Britain and Portugal.

He said the United States Government was "very interested" in the projected pact and considered potential bases in the southern part of the continent to be of "great strategic importance."

Mr. Erasmus, who on landing here last night, expressed fears of Communist penetration of Africa, particularly in Egypt, and the Sudan, today emphasized that the pact was not a barrier to closer relations with the Soviet Union. — China Mail Special.

## Quick End To

## Repatriation Delay Urged

Tokyo, Nov. 23.

The newspaper Mainichi today urged quick settlement of the dispute which has delayed for four days a repatriation ship's sailing to China.

About 50 of the 158 Chinese scheduled to go to China have refused to board the ship until Japan permits five other Chinese, including a turncoat Nationalist policeman, to join them.

"We would like to see the recalcitrant Chinese returned to their homeland (China mainland)," the Mainichi said, "and have the ship bring back the Japanese repatriates as speedily as possible."

The repatriation vessel, the Koan Maru, is scheduled to repatriate about 200 Japanese from China.

### Camp Riot

The Mainichi suggested that the turncoat policeman Hung Chin-Shan, 28, should not be released to either Formosa or China "until his investigation is ended."

The four other Chinese whom Japan is not allowing to go to China are suspected to have led a November 4 riot in Japan's Hamamatsu detention camp.

"The best step for Japan," the newspaper said, "may be to wait the verdict in the trial of the four Chinese."

The Mainichi added, "The attitude of Soviet Russia and China which endeavours to solve political problems by blocking them with the repatriation problem is to be regretted."

# Murder Of Chinese Merchant In Canada

## ONE MAN TO HANG

Ottawa, Nov. 23.

One man was reprieved and another was doomed to die following decisions by the Supreme Court here today.

Both Donald Keith Cathro and Chow Bew, 44, had been scheduled to be hanged on January 10, 1956, for the murder of a Chinese merchant, Ah Wing, in Vancouver on January 6, 1955.

Now only Chow Bew will go to the gallows. The Supreme Court today dismissed his appeal against the appeal sentence. Only Justice J. R. Cartwright dissented from the Court's decision on Chow Bew. He would have ordered a new trial.

The Court upheld Cathro's appeal from his murder conviction by a 4-3 decision. Seven of the Court's nine justices denied the appeals of the two men.

Cathro said he had done nothing that could have caused Ah Wing's death. He said Bew had placed his knee on Ah Wing's neck.

Medical evidence showed that the merchant died of strangulation from a fractured larynx.

Chow, a third man involved in the robbery was acquitted at the Vancouver trial and no action was taken against a fourth man, Richard Wang. — United Press.

### Noted Lawyer

Cathro's appeal before the Supreme Court in a hearing ended on October 21 was argued by John Diefenbaker, Conservative Member of Parliament in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and a noted criminal lawyer. Mr. Diefenbaker has won 24 out of 28 murder cases in recent years.

Mr. Diefenbaker said when the October hearing ended that the court's decision in the Cathro case "might establish what could be a milestone in Canadian jurisprudence." If the appeal were upheld, it would set a new principle in Canadian law, he said.

"If the appeal should stand," he said, "it would mean that Canadian murder law would no longer be subject to the interpretation of British murder law."

Lorne Jackson and W.G. Burke-Robertson, who acted for the Crown during the last hearing, contended that under British law, where there was an agreement to commit a crime all parties to the conspiracy were guilty of murder if death resulted to the robbery victim.

Even if the death were inadvertent, the Crown argued, it would still be murder.

### Knee In Neck

In evidence in Court, Cathro admitted that he held the merchant Ah Wing while Bew searched for money. Bew later helped him when he had trouble restraining the merchant.

### Arabian Peninsula

#### 'Trouble Spots'

## RED ENVOY BRIEFED IN CAIRO

Cairo, Nov. 23.

SOVIET Ambassador Daniel Solod today paid his first visit to the secretariat-general of the Arab League and conferred for two hours with top officials there.

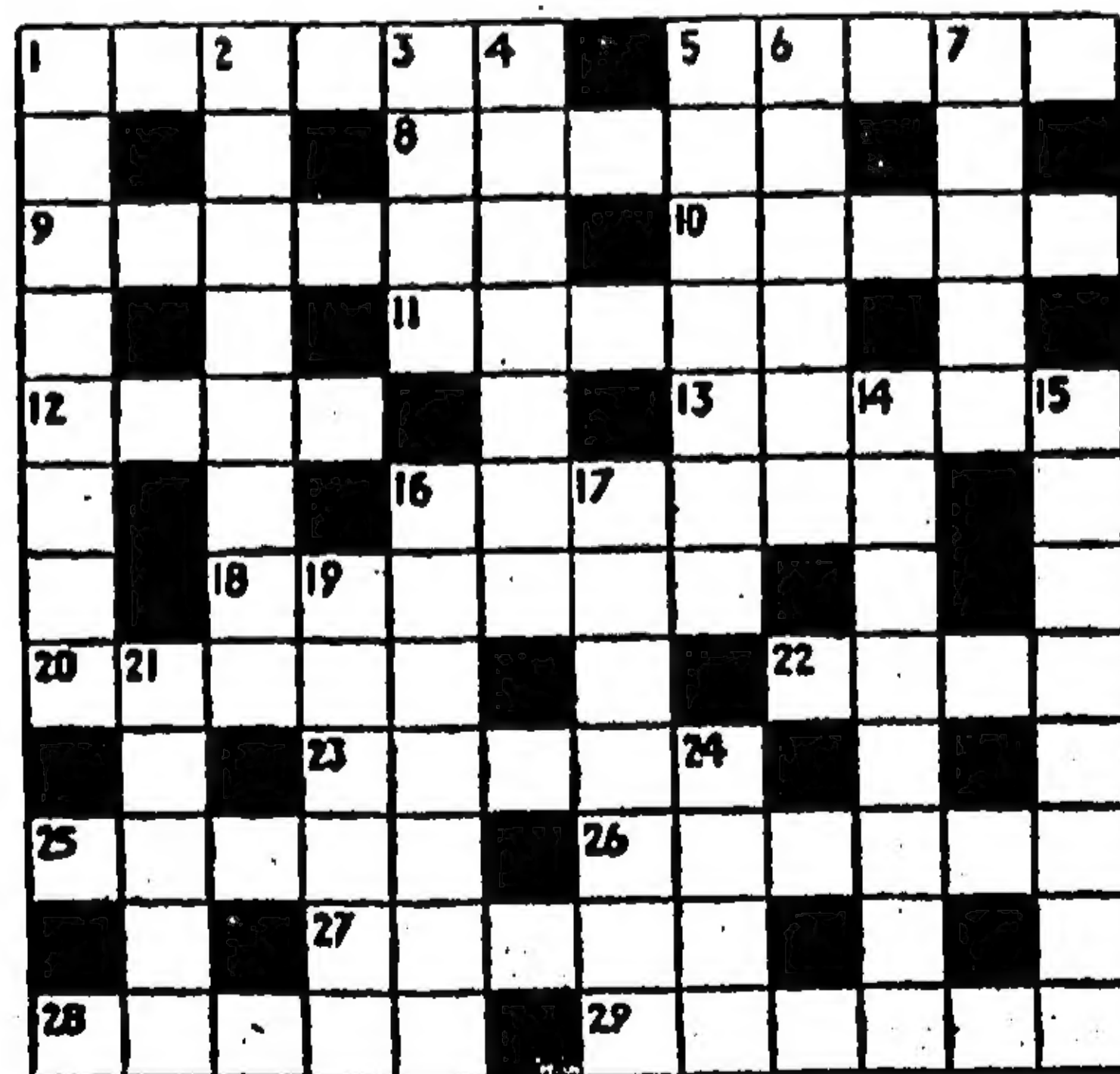
As he left, Mr. Solod told newsmen he discussed "current Arab affairs" with the League's Assistant Secretary-General, Raif Ballama, and the chief of its economic department, Abdel Monem Moustafa.

Mr. Ballama said Mr. Solod inquired about the Arab attitude toward proposals for settlement of Middle East problems made by US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden.

"We told the Ambassador," Mr. Ballama said, "that the Arab states are consulting with each other over these proposals."

Mr. Ballama added that Mr. Solod also was briefed, at his request, on various trouble spots in the Arabian peninsula, including the Buraimi Oasis, the Aden protectorates and Oman. — United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Value (8).
- 5 Rage (5).
- 6 Slip away from (8).
- 9 Royal person (5).
- 10 Polson (5).
- 11 Lukewarm (5).
- 12 Greedy (4).
- 13 Kills (5).
- 14 Get back at a price (6).
- 15 Workshops (6).
- 20 Venturies (5).
- 22 Tidy (4).
- 23 Reason (5).
- 25 Feature (6).
- 26 Ours (5).
- 27 Supply (5).
- 28 Join (5).
- 29 Tendencies (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Came into view (8).
- 2 Sword (8).
- 3 Denomination (4).
- 4 Wooden support for rails (7).
- 5 Counsels (7).
- 6 Part of a compass (6).
- 7 Black wood (5).
- 14 U.S. citizen (8).
- 15 Guesses (8).
- 16 Favour (7).
- 17 Fruit course (7).
- 18 Refrain from (6).
- 21 Protective garment (8).
- 24 Always (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Chow, 7 Hoard, 8 Exit, 9 Urge, 10 Decard, 12 Pot, 15 Inner, 18 Asia, 19 Image, 21 Repeat, 23 Spin, 25 Enter, 26 Mass, 29 Aerated, 30 Clap, 31 Iota, 32 Bliss, 33 Ruca. Down: 1 Solka, 2 Fructose, 4 Harde, 5 Weep, 6 Silo, 9 Urns, 11 Ankle, 14 Lean, 16 Team, 19 River, 21 Green, 24 Aides, 25 Miracle, 26 Rep, 28 Nause, 29 Frost, 31 Assoc, 32 Seal.

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# Can Malenkov Return To Power?

By Walter Kolarz

When Malenkov resigned as Prime Minister in February 1955, there were many gloomy forecasts as to his future fate. The letter of resignation which he wrote, that remarkable document of self-accusation, seemed to indicate that his days as a political figure were numbered.

His appointment as Minister of Electric Power Stations appeared to be a stepping-stone to his final disgrace, for demotion by stages is an old Communist practice. People like Tukhachevsky, Rykov, Yagoda, Kamenov, Yezhov and others were all given jobs of secondary importance after they had fallen from power and before they were liquidated politically and physically.

## Main speaker

Soviet internal developments show Malenkov's resignation as Premier may not necessarily apply to the post-Stalin period. Malenkov has been able to maintain an honorable position in Soviet history.

When Malenkov fell from power in February 1955, his position was perhaps not so shaky as it appeared at the time. If his opponents still want to eliminate him, writes Kolarz, this task may now be even more difficult. Malenkov holds two political "aces." He is the representative of the managerial class, and he is a comparatively young man. So he may well be in an excellent position to continue the struggle for power.

activists, both in his own Ministry and in Moscow district branches of the Communist Party.

Although no longer concerned with Soviet diplomacy, he has been repeatedly in touch with distinguished foreigners visiting the Soviet Union. Early in September 1955, he had a long conversation with Emmanuel Mayolle, the head of the delegation of the French Economic Council, and a month later he received the left-wing Italian Socialist leader, Pietro Secchi.

Malenkov's Ministry of Electric Power Stations was attacked only once, namely on June 11, when Pravda asserted that it had hampered the construction of grain stores in Kazakhstan and Siberia. On the next day the central organ of Soviet Communist Party was forced to print a "correction." It said that the "Ministry of Electrical Power Stations" was mistakenly named. It should have read "Ministry for the Construction of Electrical Power Stations."

Such a "correction" is not frequently published in Pravda.

The fact that it was made at all proved that Malenkov had scored a point over his opponent Shepilov, the editor of Pravda. It was Shepilov who in January 1955, opened the offensive against the "managerial class," the "bureaucracy," which Malenkov was the first to proclaim in August 1953.

Seen retrospectively, it was not in the best interests of the Khrushchev-Bulganin group to have reproached Malenkov for having neglected heavy industry while favouring light industry. This assertion may have discredited him in the eyes of certain Bolshevik diehards, but it was bound to enhance his popularity among the common people.

## More difficult

Rightly or wrongly he appeared as the main advocate of an improvement in the Soviet standard of living and as a spokesman of a policy championing the interests of the consumer. On a number of occasions, crowds of Muscovites have given him spontaneous ovations.

If his opponents still want to eliminate him, this task will now be a much more difficult one than it might have been in February 1955. Even then, Malenkov's position was perhaps not so shaky as it appeared at the time.

The Khrushchev-Bulganin faction was strong enough to oust him from the direction of the government and to reduce the influence of some of his friends and supporters, but this was all they were able to do. It is even probable that after his resignation from the Premiership he was still able to choose for himself his new field of activity.

In the second year of his Premiership he once said that electrification must be developed "at a rate and on a scale" enabling Soviet electric power capacities to keep ahead of all other branches of the national economy. So Malenkov declared himself a passionate advocate of electrification, which in his view must play a vanguard role in Soviet economic life.

## Further assets

At any rate this Ministry, which might also deal in future with the development of atomic energy, is an excellent position from which to continue the struggle for power.

Apart from having acquired, perhaps unexpectedly, the role of the "consumers' Premier," Malenkov has two further assets. He is the representative of the managerial class, which the Khrushchev-Bulganin group cannot ignore, even though it has restored the overlordship of the Party bureaucrats over the managerial technicians. At the same time Malenkov is a younger man than his rivals. He is only 53, whilst Khrushchev, Bulganin and Kaganovich are all over 60, and Molotov is even over 65.

So time may work for him as long as his opponents have not scored more than that relative victory which they achieved with his enforced resignation.



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## ★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

# VEGAS, YOUR SHOW IS SLIPPING

**H** Las Vegas, Tuesday. HERE in Vegas (never say Las Vegas, unless you want to be considered a new boy) there is a fear that America's leading playtown become America's leading ghost town.

The operators and owners of the dazzling Strip, where the gaming houses, hotels, motels are concentrated, are worried.

Many consider that Vegas, which was nothing in nowhere 15 years ago and today is a super neon-trimmed Monte Carlo, may be back to nothing in the next few years or less.

The second night I arrived I called on one of the biggest and most famous operators in Vegas. He said: "I'll tell you the real Vegas story on one condition—

don't print my name, because I'd be run out of town and maybe you would be too." I promised not to print his name.

The operator said: "I've been in gambling and show business all my life and I know what I'm talking about. This town is over-extended. It has been trying to do so much, and the seams are splitting right down the back.

"You've read about one fancy hotel after another folding about them, changing hands and going bust? Well, that's just a start.

"Vegas lives on gambling. So to get the gamblers and therefore the profits, because the house always wins—it's the law of averages—we offered luxury rooms and food and swimming pools and service at peanut prices.

## Biggest names

"WE threw in the biggest names of Hollywood, Broadway, and England too. This way we figured we'd draw the crowds and the gamblers.

"Well, we drew, and are still drawing, the crowds, but not enough of them are gamblers to pay our overheads. This place is becoming a tourists' hang-out.

"Mister and missus and the kids drive out here, stay in the silk, eat the steaks, swim in the pools at bargain basement prices, and maybe they spend a couple of dollars on crap games or roulette or slot machines. Then they go home after one of the cheapest holidays possible in the United States.

"It makes them feel good, but it makes me and other guys who've sunk fortunes into this place feel bad.

"Unless we change our policy—cut out the big entertainers at \$40,000 a week, raise our room rates, and find a way to draw the gamblers again—we are on our way out.

"I think whatever we do we are licked. Ten years from now there'll be desert again and maybe a few abandoned buildings. This will be Ghost Town No. 1, not Playtown No. 1.

"Another thing, the Government is moving in, and you can't buck Uncle Sam.

"You know what happens here. Every night or morning the takings are counted. All that lovely money is piled high into boxes—or wastepaper baskets sometimes—and one-third of the lot is sliced off and stacked away in the private safe. Taxes are paid on the remaining two-thirds.

"Uncle Sam is on to it, and when he moves, well brother, it's curtains."

I said: "You seem bitter. Haven't you anything good to say about Vegas?"

The operator said: "Yes, at least we get all the riff-raff of the country all gathered together right here in one place. It will make it easier for Uncle Sam to get them."

I think the big operator was exaggerating, but there's no doubt that Vegas is feeling the pinch. I was left here in the spring to cover the atomic explosion, and although I spent most of my time on Media Hill waiting for the blast, I toured the place pretty thoroughly, from the plushiest hotels and casinos on the Strip to the old-style Western frontier gaming-houses down-town.

## Anxiety

THERE was one hoop-la opening after another (some razzle-dazzle hotels had two or three flashy premieres), and even gaudier traps were being planned.

Today this is a town of anxiety, and the flamboyant, free-wheeling manner of the American West is vanishing.

Is Vegas on the skids? Not completely, but it has slipped, and is slipping.

The hotel where I stayed last time has been taken over by a new group of operators, and that group is already trying to get Vegas's only skyscraper off its hands.

In the spring Liber-Milne, Dietrich, and Noel Coward were getting \$40,000 and \$50,000 a week, and Bob Hope had been offered \$75,000. Now you've got to be very good to draw \$20,000.

The casinos are beating the publicity: drums harder and harder. Frank Sinatra, who owns property here, climbed aboard a camel to lure customers.

The Eskimos were dying of a mysterious disease. Dr. Joseph P. Moody broke off his Christmas leave to go to their aid, and found that the White Man had given the Eskimos—polio

# HE PUT 50,000 SQUARE MILES IN QUARANTINE

By HAROLD M. HARRIS

**A**N Eskimo called Tutu trekked south by dog-sled from Eskimo Point, on Hudson's Bay, to the little town of Churchill, 200 miles away, to sell some ivory carvings.

Eskimo Point is a handful of huts and Churchill is not much more. Its chief importance is that it lies at the end of a 600-mile railway line from Canada.

Tutu did well enough in Churchill and made his leisurely way back to Eskimo Point. He stopped from time to time on the way with little bands of Eskimos in the way of this nomadic people.

## ARCTIC BASE

No one at first connected Tutu with a strange disease which broke out in the vast Arctic regions in the winter of 1948-49. No one at first could even diagnose it.

Dr. Joseph P. Moody, medical officer to 2,000 Eskimos and a handful of Europeans in an area covering 3,000 frozen square miles, was recalled from Christmas leave to his Arctic base at Chesterfield to deal with the epidemic.

Patients lay on the floor and on the steps of the little hospital, huddled in their caribou skins. In a community of 200 Eskimos and 26 whites, about 90 people were sick. Some died. Some of the patients who recovered were paralysed.

Suddenly Dr. Moody understood the impossible truth. The sparsely populated Arctic had been struck in mid-winter (with the temperature averaging 88 degrees below zero) by an epidemic normally associated with cities in summer. It was polio in a particularly virulent form. It killed many Eskimos within six hours.

Here was a new terror brought by civilisation to the dwindling native race of the frozen North. Already 10 percent of the entire population were victims of tuberculosis, a disease unknown to the Eskimos until the white man came.

## ADVENTURES

Dr. Moody, who has written a book about his adventures, describes how he drew a line on the map enclosing all the known cases of polio. It cut off an area of 50,000 square miles.

He put in quarantine—the biggest quarantine in the history of medical science. The disease did not spread outside the area.

When the epidemic ended, more than 15 people had died in Chesterfield alone, and 40 were left with paralysis.

Only later was Dr. Moody informed that a soldier had been evacuated from Churchill with polio a few days before Tutu arrived there with his ivory.

Dr. Moody showed more enterprise as a doctor than he does as an author (his book has infuriating omissions and does not contain a single map). From Chesterfield it might take him a week to visit a remote patient. He had to do a great deal of his work by radio.

Once, sweating at the microphone, he gave detailed instructions to the father of a 18-month-old baby suffering from meningitis. The father, a Canadian employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, had to be persuaded to plunge a hypodermic in the child's skull.

The far North acts on Dr. Moody as if he were the needle of a compass. It has an irresistible attraction for him. After his tour of duty, he is returned as a geologist. He found quartz, asbestos ore, nickel, cobalt, some gold and many more minerals.

## GEIGER COUNTER

His Geiger counter—the first to be taken to the East Arctic—rattled like a machine-gun.

The exploitation of these minerals, Dr. Moody believes, will bring new prosperity to the Eskimos. But it seems a far too late to go back to the kind of man we want.

I think Campbell is enjoying his stay, though he drives himself too hard and needs more help and more sleep. In fact, everyone in Vegas needs more sleep, but there is a vast conspiracy against it.

## Constant noise

NOISE—blaring, banging, ear-splitting noise—rules Vegas. Bands blare all day and all night—it's not unusual for a hotel to have half a dozen bands taking turns during the long night, and usually the bandsmen are clowns and comedians—or think they are—as well as musicians.

The silver and sagebrush State makes no intellectual claims. And I see, despite all the gambling and cut-rate divorces, it can make few financial claims. The latest figures show that Nevada, despite Vegas, despite Reno, spent almost \$400,000 more than it took in during the last fiscal year.

The solution? More gambling and more gambling taxes. That's what Nevada believes or pretends to believe. 12,000 Vegas is awfully strange of people.

The harm has already been done. It is a remorseless epidemic. Dr. Joseph P. Moody, with Dr. Grace and Dr. H. M. Harris, Chesterfield.

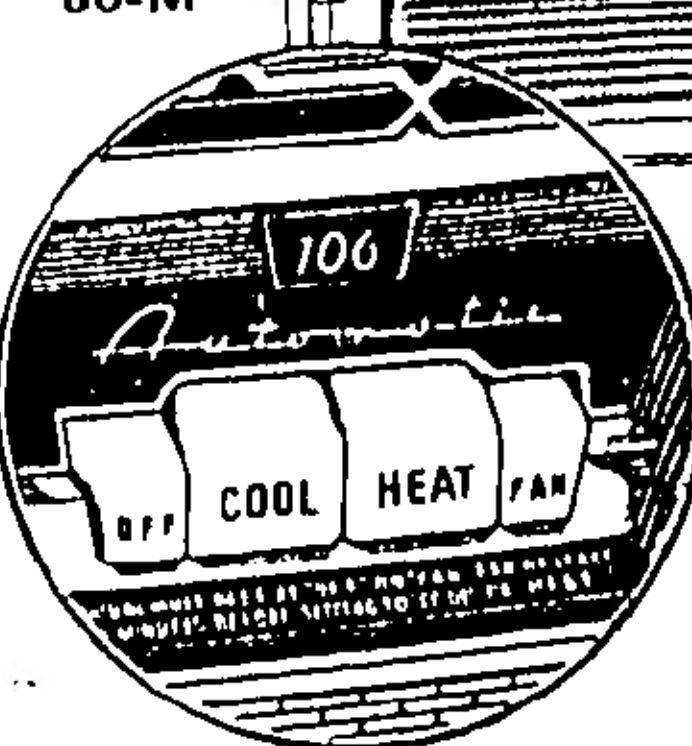
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## THE SECURITY MACHINE

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THE British security service consists of nine agencies, each responsible to a different Minister.

1 M.I.6 reports direct to the Prime Minister. It is responsible for security at home, deals with counter-espionage, is staffed by civilians.

2 SPECIAL BRANCH of Scotland Yard, responsible to the Home Secretary, specialises in aliens and political agitators, safeguards royalty.

3 SECRET SERVICE—or M.I.6—is concerned with espionage. It reports on new weapons, troop movements, and industrial output.

4 SUPPLY MINISTRY SECURITY covers arms of every type, secret research stations, and Royal Ordnance factories.

5 ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY operates its own security department with staff at all its establishments.

6 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE—the Army's—is made up of more than a dozen M.I. divisions in the War Office. It depends greatly on information from "open" sources sent in by military attaches. Then there are

7 NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

8 AIR INTELLIGENCE.

9 DEFENCE MINISTRY formerly operated separately, concerned with scientific knowledge. It has now been enlarged and incorporated in the Army's.

JOINT INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, a central agency where information picked up by separate Intelligence departments is pooled and tabulated.

The bureau presents its main findings to the Joint Intelligence Committee—a top-level group which includes the directors of Naval, Air, and Military Intelligence, the head of M.I.6, and the chief of the Secret Service.

The "considered views" of the Joint Intelligence Committee are given to the Cabinet by the Defence Minister.







# PARK NAMES 12 TO FOLLOW THIS WINTER

## Tough Goosander Can Stay—And He Jumps Well

By JAMES PARK

The flat-racing season is over and, as usual, I present a dozen jumpers to follow. The idea is to enable the occasional backer to take an interest and in the past seasons we have not come to any harm.

There were far too many seconds last winter, including Tudor Lane in the Grand National, but the 12 showed a profit backed on a level £1 stake.

Ingoo is a nice young hurdler trained by Charlie Hall. I don't really know why they call him Charlie because his name is William Arthur, but I have never heard him called anything but Charlie. The Halls have long been associated with Tadcaster, in Yorkshire, and when the late Tom Hall left

When Tom died Sam stepped into his place at Middleham. Ingoo may have been a little unlucky not to win the Imperial Cup in the spring. He was in front when he ran into the wing of the last obstacle and parted company with the jockey. At Liverpool recently Ingoo was beaten by not much more than a length by Ivy

### NO OIL PAINTING

Stroller is trained in Ireland by Vincent O'Brien, but most of the gelding's racing will be in this country. The main objective is the Champion Hurdle Cup, which he lost by a head last March after a terrific finish. Though no oil painting, Stroller is one of the best hurdlers in the country and it will require a good one to beat him. He can carry weight and does not mind soft ground.

Flame Royal began last season as a novice but made such good progress that he was by the season's end in the Champion Hurdle. He is a strongly built gelding who has recently done well enough on the flat to show he keeps his form. He should pay his way.

Upton Court might develop into something more than a two miler, though all his victories last season were at that distance. He finished off by carrying 12st. 11lb. into second place over two miles and a half. What I like about him is that he has always shown himself to be a good battler and he may once more do well in handicap company.

Haytadder is trained at Newmarket by Thomson-Jones, a young trainer who is making his mark under both codes. When running on the flat Haytadder had more stamina than speed, and that suggests he may train on into a long-distance hurdler. He has shown himself to be a prodigious jumper and it can be left to the trainer to place his charge to the best advantage.

Sparkleton is nothing out of the ordinary, but I do not expect him to be run out of his class. He won three of his five races last year and, though he was beaten last week, it may be long before he finds his form.

### THE CHASERS

Goosander gets first mention amongst the chasers as he is a distinct possibility for the Grand National. The luck was against him when he ran over the Aintree course recently. He is a sound jumper, has stamina and is a tough sort, likely to pick up a race or two before the Grand National.

Limbo of the Law is bred the right way and finished by winning the valuable Queen Elizabeth Chase at Hurst Park. He carried only 10st. so he is not in the top class. At the same time he is young enough to improve and I am banking on him continuing the steady progress of last winter.

Lechore is another young chaser who gave a sparkling performance when winning at Hurst Park last month. He was carrying a light weight but from the time he was allowed to stride along nothing saw the way he went. He can go on to better things and one day may reach the top.

Limbo Hill is in the same stable as Pappa Fourway and, while we cannot expect the chaser to equal the three-year-old's record of an unbeaten sequence of eight, Bill Dymally should continue to do well. Limbo Hill justified the trainer's idea when winning at Manchester a fortnight ago that he has a prospective champion in the stable.

### VERY SAFE

When in the novice stage the gelding was inclined to make a mistake now and again, but is so clever on his feet that he did not fall in any of his races last season. He is now very safe with an abundance of stamina, while we cannot expect anything in the way of fancy prices he should prove a paying proposition.

Pratford had to be pulled up at Manchester and for the present he is a "safe" bet. He is a lowly sort of gelding, but the inclusion of Pratford as it is just a year ago that I sold Lady Ode she had one of the best looking and most promising jumpers in the country. He made so much progress and there is no reason why he should not continue to improve.

## BUT NO SIGN OF THE BALL



There's plenty of vigour and determination in this loose scrum forming after a line-out in the Army Trial XV's first outing at Camberley—but no sign of the ball. It is, however, in the capable arms of the Army front-row forward, P. D. Cleaver (REME and Harlequins), who is being brought down most unceremoniously by two white-shirted Royal Military Academy (Sandhurst) forwards.

Cleaver is getting some support from 2/Lt Inman (Royal Engineers). Sandhurst have a good record this season, but the Army won 14-3.

## THAT 'KNEE'—BY ITS OWNER IN HOSPITAL I Think The Operation Will Succeed

Says DENIS COMPTON

I must admit that when the specialists first told me my knee-cap would have to be removed, I was more than a little depressed. And, naturally, my biggest fear hinged on my future as a cricketer.

The doctors were quite frank when I asked them the form. They told me that if I wanted to continue playing cricket and be free of pain, there was no alternative but to go through with the operation.

Even if it failed I would be better off than before. I would still be able to get around and do a job.

But I don't think it will be a failure. I had almost continuous pain at the start but now it is far less.

Indeed, the doctors are so pleased with the way the knee is healing that when they changed the plaster cast they were able to take out two slitters.

You know, when a man lies on his back in hospital he has plenty of time to think.

### FUNNY THING

It's a funny thing about that knee of mine. I first damaged it in 1938. I was playing for Arsenal against Charlton when I collided with the Charlton goalkeeper and had to be carried off. Later, I had a cartilage operation.

Then nothing—not a spasm or twinge for nine years—when it locked again.

I was bowling for Middlesex against Lancashire at Lord's when I felt something move in the knee. And down I went! The rest, of course, the three operations and so on, are now ancient history.

From then on, frankly, the knee has always been a bit of a handicap. There have been a few big cricket occasions since 1950 when it hasn't been a nuisance—batting and fielding.

Often, getting down to the ball was a major effort. But I can honestly say this: Even if I had known what lay ahead I would have carried on just the same.

I have had some wonderful moments, although it hasn't always been easy. I shall never forget that 1950 Cup semi-final against Chelsea.

### Fencing

Moscow, Nov. 23. Hungary's Rudolf Karpoly won the sabre event of the Moscow International fencing competitions today, the fourth day of the contests, after a tie with Lev Kuznetsov (USSR) and Aladar Gerevics, also of Hungary.

All had six victories.—France-Press.

at Tottenham. With 14 minutes to go and Chelsea leading 2-1, I managed to force a corner.

### INTO THE NET

Somehow I was able to delay the kick until my brother Leslie ran up from centre-half. Then, as he reached the 18-yard line, I let it go and he headed into the net.

Nothing could have worked more perfectly, and Arsenal went on to win the Cup.

But I'm afraid that final season of football didn't do my knee much good. I used to feel it whenever I kicked the ball and always had it strapped.

The cleverest ball-player I ever came across, apart from Alex James, was another Arsenal player at that time, Peter Duggan. But James was the greatest of my best-ever games when I was a nervous kid of 18.

It was at Charlton before 77,000 people and I was deputising for Cliff Bastin, who was injured. I couldn't go wrong that day.

Alex kept on shouting to me to stay on the left wing. He then drew them all away before putting through a string of pinpoint passes. I scored a goal and Arsenal won 2-0.

As a batsman, my greatest thrill was at Trent Bridge when I scored 102 in my first Test match against Australia.

### WONDERFUL INNINGS

But I got a tremendous kick when I scored 76 not out at Lord's, also against the Australians. It was the extra 1930 series and I was up against such bowlers as O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith and McCormick.

One other thing. Although I was lucky enough in 1947 to beat Jack Hobbs' record of scoring 10 centuries in a season, I have never deliberately set out to break records. The runs just came.

Another Trent Bridge memory was in 1948 when I scored 184 in mark and mist against the Aussie attack of Lindwall, Miller and Johnston.

Yes, I have had a wonderful innings. I am confident there will be many more.

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## YESTERDAY'S RUGGER Easy 20-8 Win For Club Against RAF Island

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening a fairly strong Club side overcame the RAF Island without much difficulty by 20 points to 8 points, under the Club's flood-lighting system.

It was a fast and fairly open game but it was the two Club wing forwards who upset the Island with their hard tackling and covering.

For a short period in the first few minutes of the second half the Almen took charge of the game and the Club ran around almost helplessly as the Islanders scored their eight points.

The Club halves and three-quarters had a good game, though the two halves were the best of the lot. Steward although he got the ball slowly from the set-scums and very intermittently from the line-outs and loose made the most of his chances and sent out some really lovely passes.

### COVERED BETTER

O'Kelly was drawing his man every time and often another into the bargain, and this left a gap in the Almen's defence which the Club went through. Both packs played well, though the Club covered better. Tackling by both teams was fairly hard but so it should have been for the ground is in beautiful condition.

The Club quickly settled down in the first half, and soon began to score while the Almen just could not find any way to stop them. What upset the Almen badly was O'Kelly's complete change of direction now and again just as they were getting across to cover. The Club easily piled on fourteen points in the first half many of them scored by O'Kelly himself. But the Club are still looking for a place kicker.

O'Kelly missed narrowly most of the conversions, though he converted one terrific penalty from near the half way line. Then in the second half the Almen opened the game up, and the Club were caught on the wrong foot.

In fact it was hard to believe that it was the same two teams which had played in the first half. After they had scored their eight points, three of them from a nice dropped goal the RAF started to keep the ball tight and the Club wing forwards Barker and Elliott harassed them unmercifully forcing them into defensive errors of which the Club took full advantage.

Best of the Club forwards beyond the two previously mentioned were Kerr and Knight, while Southwick was the best of the Almen.

### TEAMS

Club: Martin, Inglis, Penman, Roberts, McCallum, O'Kelly, Steward, Rankin, Knight, Clarke, Barker, Kerr, Carpenter, Elliott, Donaldson.

RAF: Island, White, Fleming, Lewis, Cox, Colgan, McCormick, Morgan, Anderson, Robinson, Phillips, Hishman, McCormick, Hodgson, Irvine, Southwick.

## MCA Selection To Meet President's XI

The following players have been selected to represent the Malayan Cricket Association in the President's XI against the President's XI at HKCO today. H. F. Sheppard, Roay Khoo, Leong, T. Sivaraman, P. Hunt, T. H. Koonits, Chua Eng Cheng, M. Shephardson, J. Kirkham, Gurneharan Singh, J. G. Dansey, P. J. Burton, 12th Man: G. S. Walker.

## Inter-School Basketball Competition

The following are the results of the Inter-School Basketball Competition for Boys for the current season:

St Paul's	53	St Joseph's	30
Lowia, Cox	46	Literary	37
G. C.	46	Fel Choo	37
Chung Chien	40	Kat Yau	23
Tai Wah	39	Pui Sun	30
Sing Wah	49	St George's	36
Diogenes	40	K. G. V.	44
St Louis	40	Tai Ming	45

Preliminary games were played off at Southern Playground and Macpherson Sports Courts respectively yesterday.

Results of Girls Game played at Southern Indoor Court last night:

Tack Mins	20	Elizabeth	10
St Mary	27	Hing Tao	0
Bellies	20	Wellington	12

## HOME SOCCER

London, Nov. 23. Results of the FA Cup first-round replays today were:

Aldershot 1 Yeovil Town 1 (after extra time).  
Crewe Alexandra 2, Barrow 3 (after extra time).  
Derby County 5, Crook Town 1.

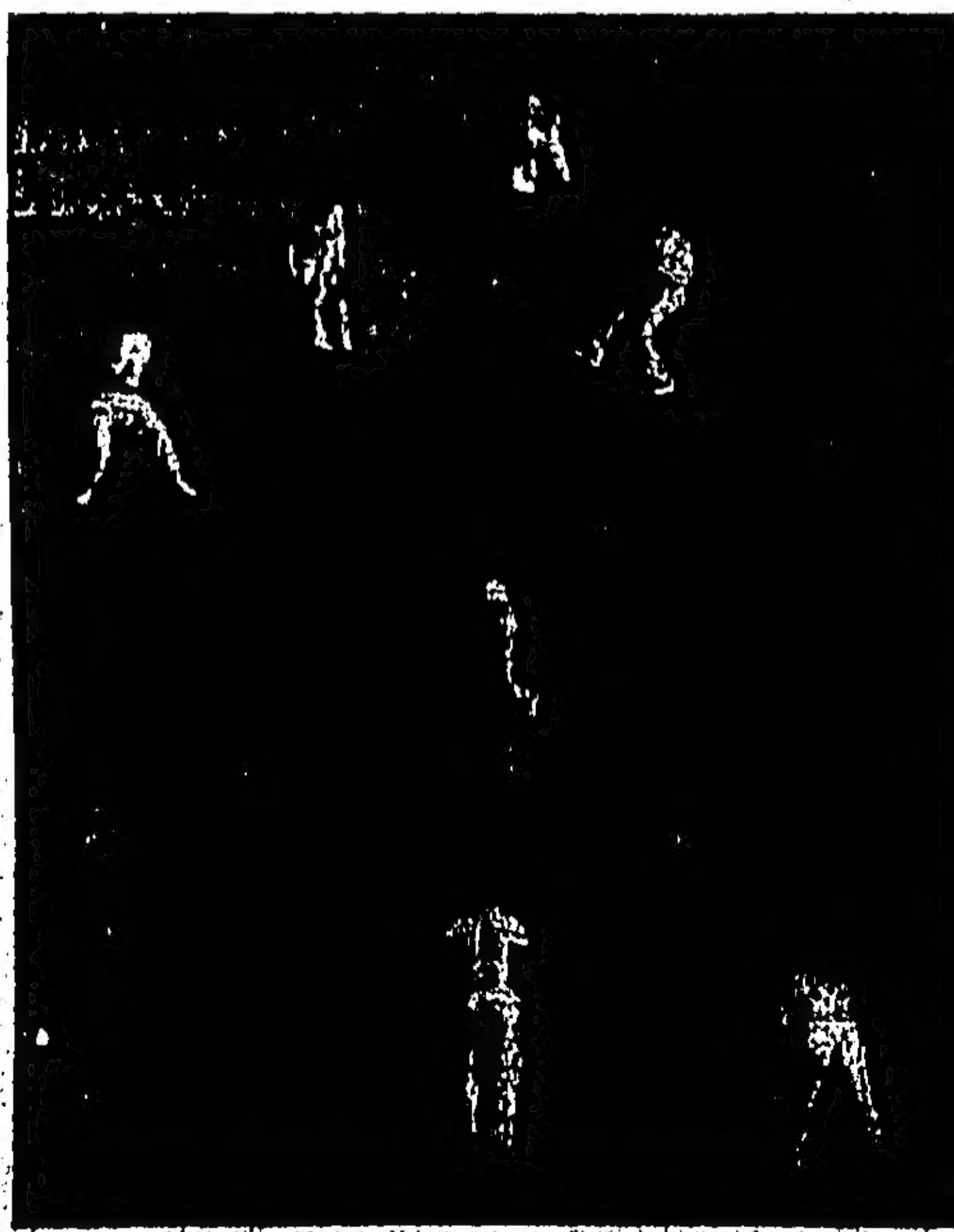
Southampton 2, Crystal Palace 0.

Revised second-round ties on December 10 are:  
Tottenham Rovers vs Barrow; Derby County vs Boston United; and Macclesfield vs Walsall vs Southampton.—Reuter.

## Austria Wins

Woodham, Nov. 23. Austria beat Wales 2-1 in an international soccer match here today, after leading 2-1 at half-time.—United Press.

## KAILASAPATHY GOES



Kailasapathy goes. The Malayan hard hitting batsman is caught and bowled by Jim Lipscombe after scoring 22 out of a total of 284 in his team's second innings against the Combined Services.

The visitors, however, came through to win by 103 runs thanks to Johnny Kirkham's great bowling. Others in the picture are Chua Eng Cheng (batsman), G. S. Walker (batsman), and Bill Wilkall (last slip).

**THE GAMBOLS**

BARLINE, COULD IT BE THAT THE GAMBOLS ARE THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MONEY?

**GOV. LIES IN THIS TOWN**

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?

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# HOW NATIONAL STUD HELPS BRITISH BREEDERS

By VINCENT ORCHARD

Unlike the majority of national institutions, Britain's National Stud is run with the minimum of control by Government officials. Control is, in fact, vested in the Minister of Agriculture, whose Department is now styled the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, but the management, for all practical purposes, is entrusted to a working Director, who for many years has been Mr Peter Burrell.

The Stud is located at Gillingham in the county of Dorset, in the west of England, and is run in conjunction with another property at West Grinstead, in Sussex.

It is a model establishment and is financially self-supporting, deriving its principal income from stallion fees, augmented by sales of surplus yearlings, mares and horses in training.

It maintains about 20 brood mares and their appropriate young stock, and one or more stallions, the principal stallion at present is Big Game (foaled in 1939) but there is also Italian-bred Tenebris, sire of Ribot, winner of the £20,000 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe this year, and a junior sire, Jack Scot.

## LOWEST FEE

The policy is to assist British breeders, as far as possible, by maintaining thoroughbred stallions whose services shall

be available at the lowest fee that is economic having regard to the purchase price.

In common with other British institutions, it has developed through trial and error, and has adapted its functions to the changing times. These functions are, in fact, in process of revision. The Government in 1954 having appointed a Committee to report on its policy any methods of operation and to make its recommendations. The report has now been completed and has been submitted to the Minister, the Rt Hon. D. Heathcoat-Amery.

## FAMOUS Sires

In its earliest days (1919) the Stud bred one of the greatest founder-sires of modern times, the great Blandford, the St. Leger winner, Royal Lancer, and Diligence, Warden of the Marches (1922) was followed by the brilliant Myrobella (1930). Further triumphs were yet to come.

Stardust, foaled in 1937, won a war-time 2,000 Guineas and, in 1942, the filly, Sun Chariot, and the colt, Big Game, won four of the five classic races between them; three years later, Chamusca won the Doncaster St. Leger.

The victories of Sun Chariot and Big Game in the same year did much to encourage the people of Britain in the dark days of the war, for they both ran in the colours of the late King George VI, who, by his happy set of circumstances, had leased them from the National Stud for their racing careers.

## PUBLIC TRAINER

The practice of offering to the racing community the opportunity of leasing selected yearlings originated after the death of the late Lord Londale, in whose colours Royal Lancer and Myrobella and other good colts and fillies had won.

It is an excellent arrangement, which is now carried on by Queen Elizabeth II. The yearlings, usually between four and six in number, are sent to a public trainer in the autumn and are supplementary to those bred at the private stud at Sandringham.

The services of the stallions are greatly in request, and the Director of the Stud receives many more applications than he can satisfy. Having made provision for covering the Stud's own requirements, applications from owners of approved mares are then balloted for. The system has worked very well and the Stud has accumulated a substantial surplus of funds.

## League Hockey Fixtures For Week-End

The following are the League hockey fixtures for this week-end, with a very few slight changes from the Handbook:

**SUNDAY**  
First Division  
Navy (Postponed)  
R.N. 'A' v R.A.F. 'A' at 2.00 p.m.  
Bye: R.N. 'B', R.A.F. 'B', Army 'B', R.I.T. 'B', I.R.C. v University (Postponed), H.K.H.C. v Dulon H.C. (Postponed)  
R.N. 'B' v Navy (Postponed) at 2.30 p.m.  
Army 'C' v R.A.F. 'B' at 3.00 p.m.  
Bye: Demons

**TUESDAY**  
Ladies Division  
Victorians v K.O.V. 'B' at Happy Valley 3.30 p.m.  
Crusaders v Grenada at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.  
Boundary St. at 2.30 p.m.  
Bye: Grenada, Doriana 'A', Doriana 'B', K.G.V. 'A'

## SOFTBALL

The following is the revised softball schedule for the week-end:

3 p.m. Saturday Seminoles v Wah Yung (Junior)  
5 p.m. B Ground, Eagles v C.A.A. (Junior)  
3.30 p.m. A Ground, P.T. Dodgers v Lion Cubs (Junior)  
5.30 p.m. A Ground, Tiki Tiki v Overseas (Junior)  
2.30 a.m. Sunday  
Wah Yung (Junior)  
3.30 p.m. A Ground, Capetown v S.C.A.A. (Junior)  
5 p.m. A Ground, U.S. Navy v S.C.A.A. (Junior)  
8 p.m. A Ground, S.C.A.A. v S.C.A.A. (Junior)  
S.C.A.A. (Junior)

## KBGC Team For Tonight's Floodlit Bowls Match

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green in a floodlit lawn bowls game against Remo tonight at 7.30 p.m.  
L. Gaddi, L. C. Parker, J. McElrick, P. Hughes (Skip), H. A. Scott, A. Campbell (P), Kennedy, M. E. Parnell (Skip), L. W. Gordon, P. C. Gasson, A. G. Coles, L. F. G. Cogrove (Skip), R. H. Brown, J. Tindall, R. Morrison, W. McColl (Skip).

## NATIONAL STUD STABLES



Racehorses being exercised at Britain's National Stud stables at Gillingham, in the English county of Dorsetshire.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS....

# Will Have The Greatest Cast Of All Times

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

Drums reverberated in the jungle surrounding the ghat and the temple and the logs ready for the suttee. Swaying to the beat of the drums, fakirs, bedaubed with caste marks, let their beads run through their ash-covered hands.

A score of dancers rushed from the temple and in a frenzy of movement jumped and turned before the people crowding in from the villages.

Torches burning against the night sky were seized by turbaned soldiers, stripped to the waist. Madly they fought in mock battle with the torches and as a deep wailing arose from the women, they hurled their torches like spears into the ghat.

From a 60' high tower, a voice bellowed, "Fine. Cut the playback. Hold your positions."

It was Mike Todd, the incomparable impresario, now filming "Around the World in 80 Days."

Sitting with David Niven, his pretty wife, Hjordis, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, and Shirley MacLaine dressed in saris and

## New Olympic Hymn For The Games

Special words will be written in Melbourne for the new international Olympic Hymn to be performed at the Olympic Games next year.

The music was selected from 292 manuscripts submitted in the world competition held by the International Olympic Committee. When it was performed at the I.O.C. Congress in Paris this year words were set to it from the Olympic Odes of Pindar.

Because the words did not prove to be quite appropriate for the Games, the Organising Committees for the Summer Games in Melbourne, the Winter Games at Cortina, Italy, and the Equestrian Events at Stockholm, were given the right to provide their own words.

gold jewelry. I watched the suttee sequence in which Niven and MacLaine, his valet, companion, rescue the Indian princess from becoming a cooked goose.

## THE TRACY SMILE

"We do the actual rescue on the sound-stage," Niven explained. "This is for the long shots and the atmosphere."

Playing General Francis Cromarty, Sir Cedric was dressed in Indian Army uniform of the period, 1873, and "dam uncomfortable," he said. "These breeches are cutting my knaps."

The previous day, Ronald Colman had come out of retirement at his San Ysidro ranch to play a one-day part as superintendent of the Peninsular Railway. He wears lopeco, uniform, and a magnificent moustache. For the one day, he was paid £2,000 by Mr Todd who believes the best is worth paying for, and does.

He got Marlene Dietrich, Frank Sinatra, George Raft, Red Skelton for one-day roles. "Around the World in 80 Days" will have the greatest cast of all times: it includes Robert Newton, Beatrice Lillie, Noel Coward, Sir John Gielgud, Hermione Gingold, John Mills, Robert Morley, Ronald Squires, Joe E. Brown and Buster Keaton, as well as Niven and MacLaine, the most popular star in Latin America.

Directing this colossal film with Mike Todd is a quiet, reserved, humorous Englishman—former actor, Michael Anderson, who directed "The Dam Busters" and "1984" before he tackled this planetary project. The combination of Anderson and Todd works well and

smoothly, and this should be one of the most entertaining motion pictures of all time.

Preview: "The Tender Trap" a delightful comedy with Frank Sinatra in comic vein and great voice, Debbie Reynolds, Celeste Holm and David Wayne.

Ignore retirement rumours for Spencer Tracy. I talked with him on Paramount's stage 21 where jagged ice peaks and crevasses had been built. "I'm going to Cuba to make 'The Old Man and the Sea' early next year," said the white-haired actor, "a massive-looking in heavy climbing clothes. And there are two more stories we are thinking of doing. Feel fine. Yep. Feel fine." The crackling Tracy smile came as pretty Anna Kashfi, from Darjeeling via London, joined us beside the gleaming ice.

## SNOW MACHINE

Within a few minutes, the electrically-driven snow machine churned blocks of ice and wind-machines created a small, intense blizzard. The set matched scenes already filmed in the French Alps. I took shelter in a heated glass-fronted room behind the camera and watched Mr Tracy and Robert Wagner hack their way up an ice-wall, cunningly made of a spray-on plastic.

It was much more comfortable having coffee with Bob Hope, George Sanders and Eva Marie Saint on the set of "That Certain Feeling." It was one of those fabulous luxury flats in New York that seem to exist only in Hollywood. In the story Sanders is a comic-strip cartoonist, very successful, who loses inspiration so calls in his secretary's ex-husband, Robert Hope.

"This is the hardest acting job I've ever done," said Hope. "I can't draw a house. Even my children draw better than I do."

"No one will know, old boy," Sanders drawled. Hope admitted he was worried about his next two television shows and when he'll be free to begin his film with Katharine Hepburn in London. "And I want to rent a house that has heat. And near a golf-course and near the studios," he added.

Next year Bob Hope and Bing Crosby will again team in "Road to Paradise."

## FLEXIBLE LIFE

Being married to a film star demands the flexible life. Last week Bill Holden promised the missus that they would have a four months holiday after "Beyond the Unknown." Two days later he told her the holiday was off as he had agreed to play "The Rainmaker."

Said Brenda Holden to me, "That was the shortest holiday we've ever had." Most likely to co-star with Holden—Katharine Hepburn, much in demand because of her "Summertime" with Louis Armstrong.

Jennifer Haynes, great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens plays a lady-in-waiting to Grace Kelly in "The Swan." Gloria Vanderbilt began rehearsals for her role in "Sinatra's first western, 'Johnny Concho'." In the script she yells at "The Voice" "You marry you only when you grow up."

# Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 47. Orders By Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated November 22, 1955.

## FORCE ORDERS

Motor Transport—Seating Capacity.—The following is the maximum number of passengers (including the driver) allowed to be carried in Government vehicles. Small Cars—persons. Large Cars—persons. Buses—persons. All passengers must be seated.

## Force Headquarters

Int. Platoon—Thursday November 24, 1955. Lecture, Murray Parade Ground 8.30 p.m. Dress: Multi.

Artillery Battery—Field Troop Thursday December 1, 1955—Field Day at WILKINSON II. Orders to follow. Dress: Battle Dress. Blue Beret. Anklets, Black Boots, Belt. Friday December 2, 1955. Troop Parade. MPQ 8.30 p.m. Dress: Multi. MPQ 8.40 p.m. Dress: Multi. Monday November 28, 1955. Parade 8.15 p.m. Dress: Multi. Tuesday December 1, 1955—Field Day. Details to be advised.

## The Hong Kong Regiment

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# BUGANDA'S DEVELOPMENT

## Kabaka Holds Key To The Future

By Henderson Gall

Kampala, Nov. 23.

The Kabaka of Buganda, restored to his country and throne on October 17, amid tremendous jubilation after nearly two years' exile, holds the key to his country's future development, in the view of observers here.

The key to Buganda, rich in coffee and cotton, may well prove to be also the key to the rest of the Uganda Protectorate, in progress towards self-government. On October 17, the day he signed the new Buganda Agreement, which is a bond between himself and Queen Elizabeth II, the Kabaka stated his main political aim: self-government for Buganda within the framework of a self-governing Uganda.

His Highness Edward William Frederick David Waguembe Lawungula Mutebi, Kabaka Mutesa II, is still only 30 years of age. But he is a colourful personality and something of a mystery man. He has a certain remoteness and intractability—yet is a talkative and friendly person to meet in private.

He was exiled to Britain in November 1953, by Sir Andrew Cohen, now, as then, Governor of Uganda, for failing to co-operate loyally with the British Government. He has returned from a great deal of his old power—in theory at any rate.

### Still The Same

Now, as opposed to then, he is a constitutional monarch, and his ministers take all responsibility for the execution of government. But, observers say, many Bugandans do not understand this. For them, the Kabaka is still a ruling as well as a royal figure, and the final court of appeal on many matters.

Put at its lowest, the Kabaka is a continuing power behind the scenes. It remains to be seen how long it takes the Buganda Government to take the steps towards the outside world and at the same time intensify awareness of their traditional, to become used to the idea of the Kabaka as a constitutional monarch, and to give political bodies the allegiance formerly reserved solely for him.

When he returned to Buganda, the Kabaka, wearing an im-  
possibly tailored suit and  
swinging a cane, seemed not  
altogether sure of what awaited  
him. He was cool and looked a  
trifle wary.

### In The Guards

Next day, dressed in crimson blue and gold robes with a white-plumed turban, encircled with gold and jewels, he looked relaxed, with the African pretentiousness. Then there was only a suggestion of the man who had studied at Magdalene College, Cambridge, served for a period as a Captain in the Grenadier Guards, and later was a "man about town" in London. His assurance seemed to grow steadily.

Several days later, I visited his palace. Here, his two sides could best be observed—in the words of a friend, he is a man with "one foot in Africa and one foot in Europe."

The palace is long, low and unimposing. It is whitewashed, and has the air of some large country house where there is a lot of coming and going.

Outside, lingered saffron-robed men with their swords dangling over their shoulders, ending in a thin bamboo noose. These are the court stragglers, long out of practice, I was told.

### Met Princess

Men in livery who looked as if they should have been driving enormous Rolls-Royces—the Kabaka has seven—walked about on the grounds where men and women squatted and snored. Along the palace corridors flitted processions of women—"friends and relatives."

As I waited for the Kabaka in the corner of a room, I was introduced to a princess, his niece, aged about 17. She told me that she hoped to go to Britain to study nursing, and asked me if I knew Edmund Roe. In another room, a group of girls peeped silently round a screen at the door.

Eventually the Kabaka entered leading a small girl by the hand. After them hopped his daughter still crippled as a result of poliomyelitis. The Kabaka said: "Let's go somewhere more private" and led the way into a large ornate room with a chandelier of electrically-lighted "candles."

We drank whisky, out of cherry glasses, and the Kabaka apologized. On the floor beside the table of drinks a servant knelt, only his face visible. Any subject who enters the Kabaka's presence automatically kneels.

The Kabaka switched from conversation in the Western style to domestic palace matters, needing his attention with as little effort as he turned questions about home politics which he was apparently not prepared to answer.

In Kampala, the Asian and small British communities settled down normally to their evening. Many British residents thought "too much fuss" was being made about the Kabaka.

On the other hand, there is little racial feeling, and certainly little apparent anti-white sentiment in Buganda or Uganda.

### Well Equipped

The Kabaka is obviously equipped by experience to be able to foster that goodwill between the two sides if he wishes.

Many local British people, for that reason, will be watching events here for the next months with a keen interest—to see what influence the Kabaka will wield, now that the first hectic excitement over his return has subsided.—China Mail Special.

## Mme Pandit At Reception



Madame Pandit, India's High Commissioner to the U.K., is seen here chatting with Mrs. Chatterjee, wife of the Indian Consul in Britain, during a reception last week at the London Belgian Embassy. Occasion was the Day of King Baudouin (November 15, the Day of St. Albert the Great, is kept as King's Day by Belgians all over the world).—Express Photo.

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Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.  
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Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11 a.m.

Indo-China, Noon.  
Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
By Surface  
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Macao, 2 p.m.

## US Support For Vietnam

Washington, Nov. 23.  
The United States will continue to support the candidature of South Vietnam for the United Nations, the Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, Mr. Francis O. Wilcox, told the South Vietnam Ambassador, Mr. Tran Van Chuong, today.

Recently the Vietnam Government gained the impression that America would not support its demand for admission to the United Nations.—France-Press.

## Illegitimacy Stigma Removed From Birth Certificates

Rome, Nov. 23.

The Italian Parliament has finally removed the humiliating stigma of officially proclaimed illegitimacy which has hitherto appeared on all Italian birth certificates.

Under a new law, the initials N.N. (standing for "no name") in place of the name of an unknown father or mother or both will disappear from birth certificates and identification documents.

From now on, certificates and documents will not bear the name of the father and mother, only the date and place of birth.

For the first time in Italian history, illegitimate children will thus cease to feel that they are outcasts and will be able to take their place with children born of a regular union.

This new-found equality has a particular importance in Italy where, at every step in life, from entering the kindergarten to sitting for a civil service examination, from marrying to registering a child, the birth certificate must be produced.

### All Documents

In addition, all documents—identification cards, driving licences, trade union cards, formal applications of any kind, such as a request for a hunting permit, even school report cards—have hitherto borne the name of the father and mother.

From his earliest years, an illegitimate child was thus constantly forced to exhibit the fact—and lay himself open to discrimination and, often, ridicule.

At school, his companions teased him, giving him an inferiority complex. Later, he found obstacles at almost every turn in his life. "N.N." men, for instance, were barred from the priesthood, the Carabinieri (paramilitary) police forces and the Presidential Guards. They very rarely

achieved a high rank in any of the armed forces. Even in non-Government jobs, the initials constituted a discouraging handicap.

The new law is expected to change all this. About 47,000 illegitimate children are born every year in Italy, which has an annual birth-rate of some 780,000. This army of illegimates has always been a major problem. Once, all children abandoned by their unmarried mothers, usually outside a church or a convent, were given a very elementary education in an institution and then turned over, not infrequently sold, to landowners to be trained as peasants.

Nowadays, they are trained in a craft at Government, or Church subsidised institutions. The lucky ones are adopted by childless couples in Italy, or since the war, America.

"N.N." children brought up in an institution irremediably bore the stigma of illegitimacy all their life. The very name of the institution where they received their training or education revealed their secret.

### Draft Laws

Those brought up by their unmarried mothers suffered, morally, even more than the children abandoned at birth as throughout life, they tried desperately to hide the secret of their birth. But the "N.N." always gave them away. Those will benefit particularly from the new law.

Seventy courageous women have led the fight to win social equality for children without a name.

Since the war, the most consistent and forceful crusader has been Signora Bianca Bianchi, a 41-year-old Social Democrat school-teacher who was a member of the Chamber of Deputies from 1946 to 1953.

Between 1949 and 1953, Signora Bianchi presented four draft laws to the Chamber. The first proposed that the police should make an effort to trace the parents of an abandoned child and force them to marry and formally recognise the child as their own.

Parliament thought that law too drastic.

So Signora Bianchi proposed that fictitious names of parents be given to an illegitimate child. The names could be chosen from a "pool" contributed by people willing to give their Christian and surnames to a child without taking any responsibility for its upbringing.

### Sounded Irregular

To the bureaucratic mind, however, this proposal sounded highly irregular. Signora Bianchi's draft law languished and died.

The golden-haired, energetic deputy persisted in her campaign. She prepared a third, and, later, a fourth draft law, both a mixture of the previous two.

The dissolution of Parliament in 1953 blocked the passage of her proposals. She did not stand for re-election, but other deputies, Christian Democrats and Socialists, continued the fight in the new Parliament. The new law is based on Signora Bianchi's original proposals.—China Mail Special.

### German

### Generals

## Take Over

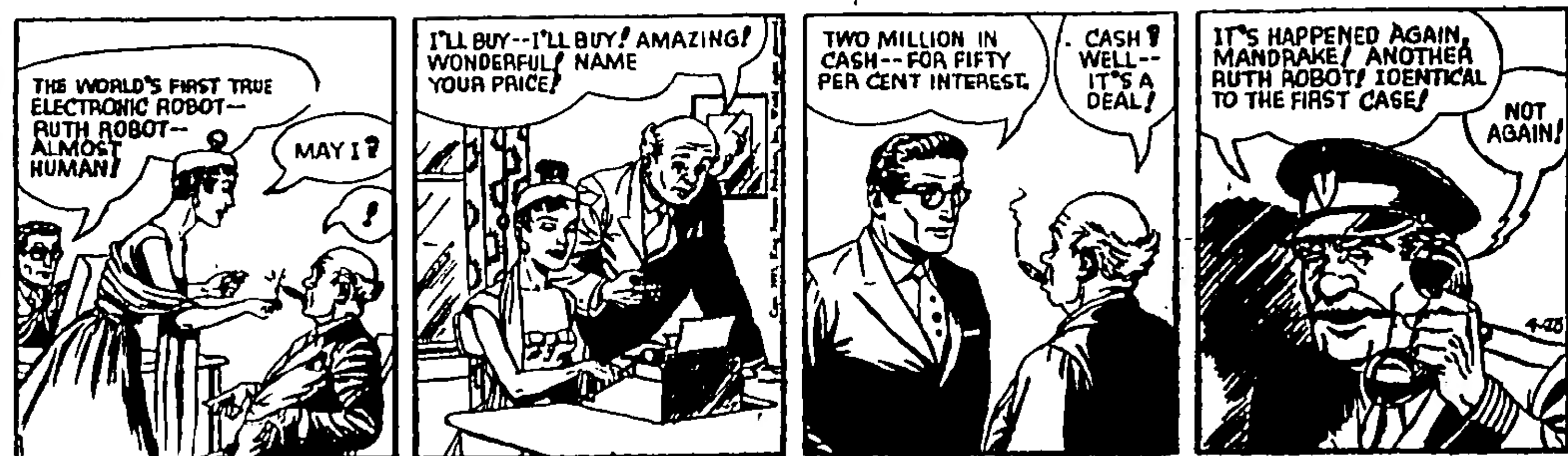
Bonn, Nov. 23.  
West Germany's two highest ranking generals, Hans Speidel and Adolf Heusinger, were transferred in a military re-organization here today.

General Speidel, former vice-  
regulator of West Germany's  
North Atlantic Treaty  
Organization, was named Direc-  
tor of the new West German  
armed forces section.

General Heusinger, who had  
been chief of the military sec-  
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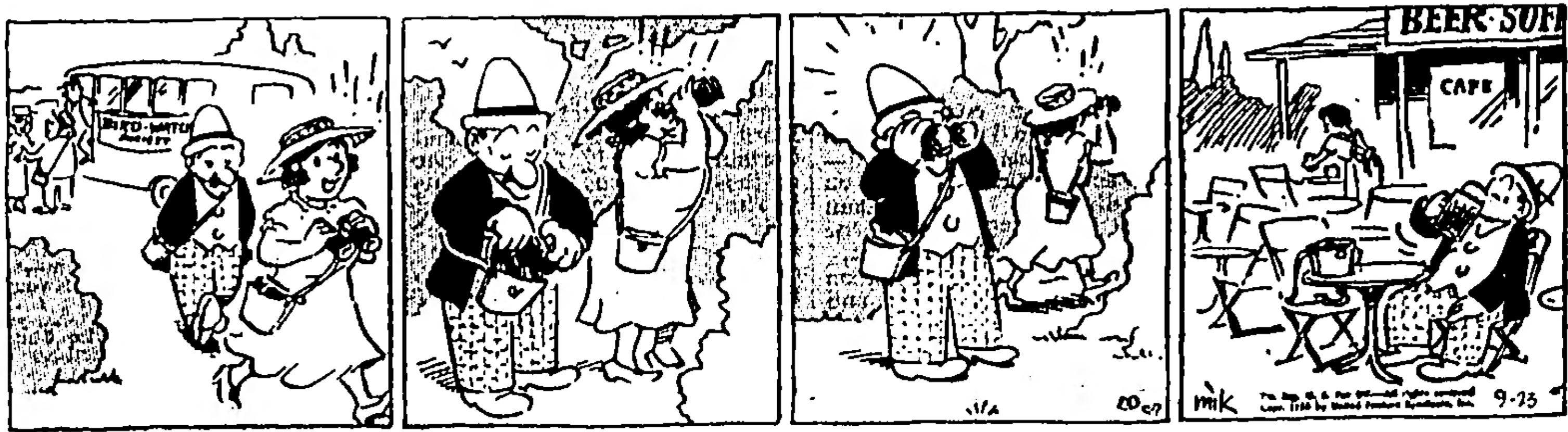
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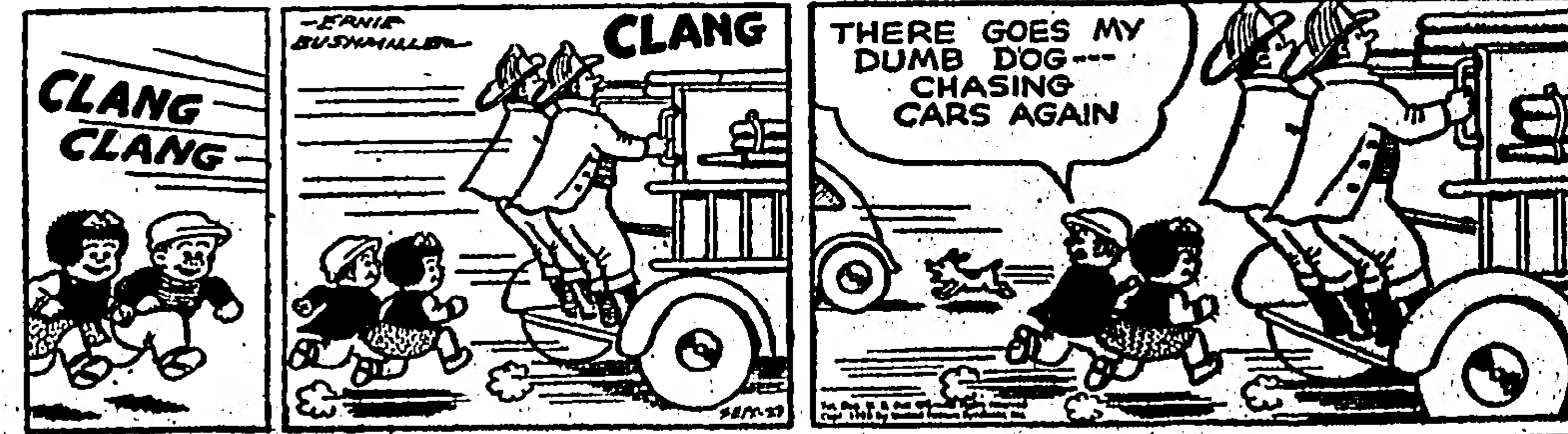
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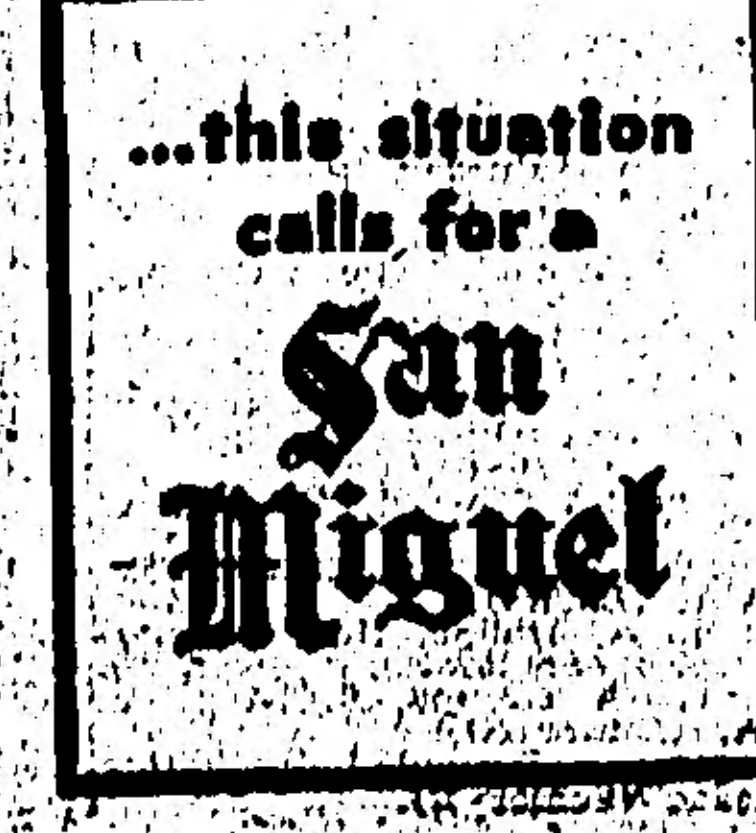
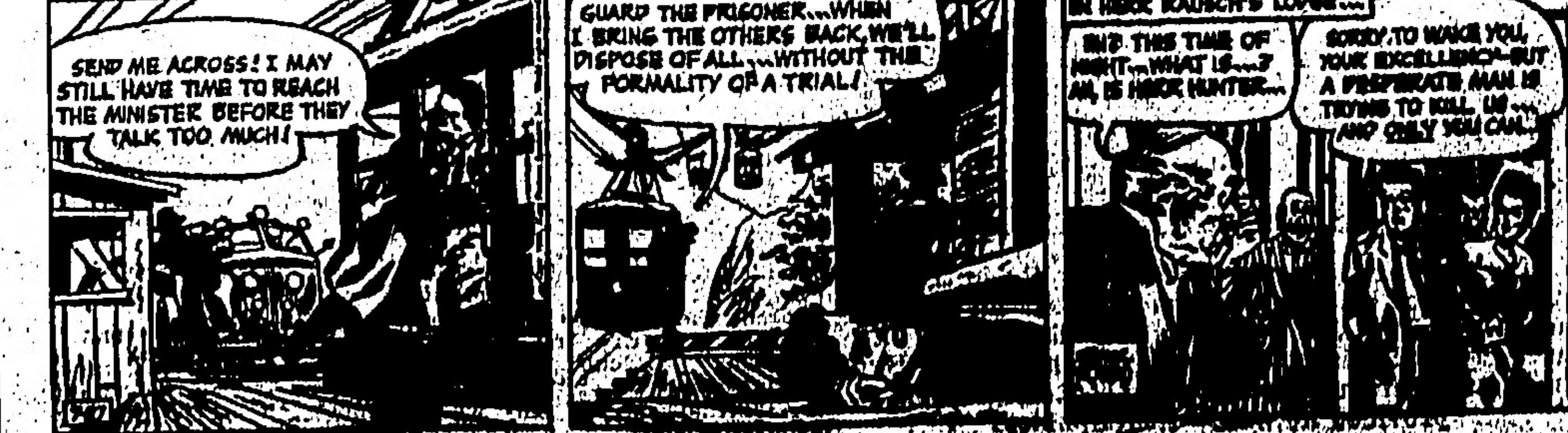
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1955

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Dear Dog...

THE dog was a mongrel, a sturdy, cheerful character, free from temperament or tantrums, and as devoted to Miranda, his mistress, and to her husband, his master, as they were to him.

Miranda and her husband, having no children, were able to lavish much time and trouble and thought upon their dog. On the whole this was, for the mongrel, a thoroughly satisfactory state of affairs. Only now and again did it lead to embarrassment, such as that which arose from the harness incident.

That business began on a day when Miranda had already incurred her dog's disapproval, by making so bold as to leave the house without taking him with her.

**SURPRISE! SURPRISE!**  
BUT the dog, though out of her sight, was not for long out of Miranda's mind, on that afternoon when she came up to the West End shopping list was an item "Harness for Bobbie" (or whatever the mongrel was called), and at a big store Miranda took a great deal of trouble in selecting an outfit of harness that would suit her pet's style.

When she got home, and the first onslaught of the dog's breathless greetings was over, Miranda showed him the parcel, and said: "This is for you, and you'll never guess what it is." Bobbie sniffed the parcel, found it contained nothing really interesting, and feigned polite pleasure.

**MISFIT**  
MIRANDA showed Bobbie the apparatus of leather straps it contained, and said: "Shall we try it on?" She acted on her own suggestion. The harness was several sizes too big. Miranda's eyes as disappointment "Never mind," she said, "tomorrow, we'll buy you another, one that will fit you just like Master's waistcoat fit him."

At the store, next day, Miranda found a smaller harness, and as it was cheaper than the other, used the credit she had left to buy a ball as a kind of bonus for Bobbie.

The dog eyed the parcels suspiciously. Out came the new harness. Miranda tried to slip it on Bobbie. Slip it on? It was as tight as a corset. The dog could hardly breathe. Heavily Miranda pulled it off. "There, there," she said, "never mind," and to console the animal, she produced the ball.

It was a pretty little plastic thing with a ball inside. Meant for kittens, not dogs. Bobbie turned from it in disgust.

**ONCE** again, Miranda set off to the West End store. This time she had decided to let her husband deal with the harness situation. What she was after was a ball suitable for a dog. She found one, tough, bouncy, unbreakable. There was a crowd round the counter. Miranda could not see anyone whom she could pay for the ball. She dropped it into her carrier-bag and made off.

Next morning, at Clerkenwell Court, she pleaded guilty to stealing a rubber ball valued at 2s. 6d. from the store. Her solicitor told the story.

"She is stricken with grief at what she has done," said the solicitor, and certainly Miranda, a tall slim girl looked to be so. "She only asks for forgiveness," the solicitor said.

"It is very sad to see you standing where so many real criminals stand," said the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell. "I shall discharge you absolutely. You must pay £2 2s. costs."

Miranda left, and presently went home. The mongrel would be there to greet her, and what a relief it would be to find her for once coming home without any surprise parcels.

## CHURCHILL TO SPEAK

London, Nov. 23.

Sir Winston Churchill, former British Prime Minister, will make an important speech on the international situation on December 4, House of Commons.

He will speak in his parliamentary constituency, Woodford (Essex). The same quarters said that, because of this planned speech, Sir Winston would not speak in next week's House of Commons debate on the situation in the Middle East. —France Press.

## GOVERNOR VISITS TWO PRISONS

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, spent nearly two hours this morning inspecting the various sections of Victoria Prison and the Litchfield Female Prison. He was accompanied on his inspection tour by the Acting Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. G. R. Pickett.

Three senior members of the Prisons Department clerical staff, Messrs Chan Poon-peng, Fung Shu-sang and Au Wai-ming, were presented to Sir Alexander on his arrival at Victoria Prison, Arbutnot Road. Between them, the three officers have some 75 years' service in the Prisons Department.

Entering Victoria Prison, His Excellency was met by the Acting Superintendent, Mr. A. W. Hirock, and the Acting Chief Officer, Mr. C. T. F. McDonald.

Sir Alexander displayed keen interest when he was shown a scale model of Victoria Prison completed recently by two prisoners under the guidance of Mr. Lee Yee, a member of the warder staff. He studied graphs showing the rise and fall of the population and inspected a display of items made in the prison workshops, such as brooms, buckets, mugs, bowls and water-cans.

The Governor saw some aspects of the work of registering new arrivals when he visited the Reception Office. Here new prisoners are photographed and fingerprinted and exchange their own clothing for prison gear.

The bath-house, the civil debtors' room and the dormitory accommodation where young offenders are located, were also inspected. In the dormitory, each grill has a number of hygienic bunks and a flush toilet. Some 30 prisoners were busy making broom heads in the young offenders' work-room. It was explained to His Excellency that the prisoners will receive educational instruction later in the day.

**VIEWS HOSPITAL**  
Sir Alexander then inspected the hospital, where Dr. Ling Foo was presented. On the ground floor of the main cell block are located the medical inspection room, laboratory and photographic dark room. In the Assembly Hall, the Governor saw Remand prisoners grouped at tables—some reading, others playing chess, others writing. Remand prisoners are not required to work but may elect to do so.

In the lower yard, prisoners were at work in the laundry and in the unguis workshop. Some were busy at sewing machines repairing air mail letter bags; a small number were occupied in the carpenter's shop, where mainly maintenance work is carried out.

In "D" Hall, a three-storey cell block, Sir Alexander inspected some of the older type of cells and then concluded his visit to the former Government Printing Shop.

This building is scheduled for alteration to provide a modern Reception and Classification Block and His Excellency was shown a sketch plan of the proposed layout. It is now in use as a temporary workshop and some 200 prisoners were at work renovating bamboo brooms for the Urban Services Department.

Lady Grantham joined the party en route to the Litchfield Female Prison.

## Bulganin's Offer

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The Soviet Union and India, he said, were leading the fight for recognition of the rights of the Chinese People's Republic in the United Nations.

"The government of India stand for a peaceful settlement of the question of Taiwan taking into consideration the national interests of the Chinese people."

The Soviet leader said: "India was one of the organizers of the Asian and African conference in Bandung. This conference has outstanding significance in the cause of strengthening peace in the entire world and safeguarding the national rights and interests of the peoples of Asia and Africa."

Marshal Bulganin said India was playing "a great role in Asia" where colonialism was "fast collapsing."

"We are also watching with extreme sympathy India's fight for economic independence. We, the Soviet people, with our own experience and knowledge, are prepared to play our role in India's economic construction."

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I know it's late and storming, Doctor, but I'm telling you the baby sneezed three times! How about your Hippocratic oath?"

## Compensation Award Decision Reserved

Decision for award of compensation to be paid for rural land in Li Cheng Uk village and land near So Uk village which has been resumed by Government was reserved by a Crown Land Resumption Board in the Supreme Court this morning.

It was stated at a previous hearing that the land in the Li Cheng Uk village was being resumed for the erection of multi-storey re-settlement housing, and for the laying of a water pipeline in connection with the Tai Lam Chung Reservoir scheme in So Uk village.

It was proposed that the rate of 63 cents per square foot be awarded to the registered owners of the resumed lots.

The Board comprised Mr. Justice James Wickes, Mr. Lawrence Loong and Mr. F. Shanks.

Mr. R. A. Waters, Valuation and Resumption Officer, was present for the Crown.

So Ham-kuk, registered owner of a lot with an area of 49,880 square feet said that there were 100 squatter huts in the first class land in the New Territories. The rent for the first class was five cents per 435 square feet, three cents for the second class and one cent for the third class for the same area.

**FIRST-CLASS LAND**

The land he owned was first class. So said he considered the rate proposed by Government, which he said applied to both first class land as well as inferior land, to be unfair. He paid high rental and he was being offered the same rate as that for inferior land. He produced a receipt for the rent paid.

Mr. Justice Wickes agreed with So that his land was first class land, and according to the receipt produced the rental was 33 per acre or three cents for an area of 435 square feet. The Chairman further stated that the Crown valued all land at a higher (first class) rate.

Two women claimants asked for another piece of land in exchange. The Chairman informed them that the Board had no jurisdiction in such matters; its only jurisdiction was to assess the amount of compensation to be paid for the resumed land. They were ever directed to apply to the Crown Lands Office in the first place.

**NOT INFERIOR**

Mr. Strange, Land Bailiff, Crown Lands and Surveys Office, said that agricultural lots in the New Territories were regarded as first, second and third class land. From his experience it could be said that third class land, for instance, was not inferior to second or first class land as in many cases third class land was much cultivated and so much labour put in it that it was equal to first class land.

Private rents in these lands varied between 300 and 450 per "dow lung" (an indigenous unit of land) is indigenous unit used by farmers which equalled one-sixth of an acre. Mr. Strange said.

Purchasers of lots in private transactions varied from \$300 to \$1,000 per "dow lung". In other words from four to 40 cents per square foot, he said.

## ALLEGED CORRUPTION Case To Answer Rules Judge

Following legal submissions by Crown Counsel and the Defence solicitor, Victoria District Judge J. Reynolds held this morning that Chan Tai-yiu, 25, a Health Inspector of the Urban Services Department, had a case to answer on charges of corruption.

Chan then gave evidence and revealed that once, when he was in the Labour Department, he had reported a fellow-clerk there for receiving money from a factory proprietor.

The two charges against Chan alleged that between November 1 and 30, 1954, accused corruptly received \$200 from Kwan Kan as a reward for forbearing to carry out duties properly in respect of 12 Canal Road West ground floor and that he allegedly received \$200 on June 29, 1955, from Kwan Kan for the same purpose.

The Prosecution alleged that Chan received the money for not issuing a summons and for not pulling down a cockloft of Kwan Kan's poultry shop.

Mr. J. W. D. Hobbie, Crown Counsel, prosecuted and Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the accused.

In his submission of no case to answer Mr. Silva contended that the Crown had not made out a case against the accused. The evidence showed in the clearest terms that payment was made because Kwan was afraid his cockloft would be pulled down which would be outside the purview of the duties of the accused, a Sanitary Inspector. If it were a charge against a building Inspector then the case might have been proved.

**NOT A SCINTILLA**  
There was no general allegation of dishonesty and there was no allegation in respect of any sanitary measure which it was the duty of the accused to carry out, said Mr. Silva. There was not a scintilla of evidence to show a promise of forbearance to take any sanitary action such as making Kwan clean his cockloft.

Mr. Hobbie submitted that it was immaterial whether forbearance to carry out a duty was shown. The important thing was the promise of forbearance and proof that the matters were within the purview of the accused.

In his evidence the accused said that he joined Government Service in November, 1948, and was at first a clerk in the Labour Department under Mr. Chauvin. During this time, once made a report to Mr. Chauvin when he saw one of the Labour Department clerks receiving money from a factory proprietor.

In March 1953 he was transferred to the Urban Services Department as probationary Health Inspector, and in April 1954 took his present post of District Health Officer (Eastern), said Chan. He had never before had any complaints about him in the Labour Department or in the Health Department.

**RECEIVED FILE**  
Chan said that in June last year he received a file on No. 12 Canal Road West, ground floor, containing a complaint that there were empty poultry crates stacked high in the premises which bred flies and mosquitoes in the yard. The matter was first dealt with the reporting Inspector and then passed to the Senior Health Inspector.

Chan said he visited Kwan's premises several times between June and the beginning of August, 1954. He made mosquito and fly surveys of the premises and the vicinity around. On his visit there he met Kwan who was called from his poultry stall in the Canal Road Market. On the other visits he used to see Kwan on the premises.

Chan said that on his first "follow-up" visit to the premises he found no nuisance at all because the warning given by the reporting Inspector had been complied with. However, he kept an observation of the premises to see whether the nuisance would be repeated, and he spoke to Kwan several times.

In July 1954 his department started a house inspection campaign and as a result he paid several visits to No. 12 Canal Road West, the first being on August 15, 1954. On the next visit on November 21, he found everything in order. On March 15, this year he found a small accumulation of house refuse and he asked them to remove it which they did. He said he was the last visit he paid to the premises. He found them in order. He found them in order.

Chan said these were the only two visits he paid to the premises.

**Met In America**  
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## Ship, South Of HK Sends Out An SOS

A Hongkong-bound freighter in the South China Sea, the 8,771-ton Faidra, steamer Fakira with her No. 2 cargo hold taking in water dangerously sent out distress signals last night requesting help.

A ship, the Symphony, is now reported to be standing by the distressed vessel.

The Fakira's position last night was given as 14.19 degrees east longitude and 13.28 degrees north latitude. This is about 680 miles directly south of Hongkong.

All ships in the vicinity proceeded to her aid and eight of the SOS last night, including the Dutch tug Loire which towed a dredger here last week.

**STANDING BY**  
This morning the Fakira withdrew the distress signal and requested all ships on route to her aid to proceed on their designated courses. The Symphony, the first vessel to have sighted her this morning, is standing by.

The Fakira is owned by the East & West Steamship Company of Kanchi, India, was formerly the City of Omaha and Alba and was built in Wilmington in 1920.

The ship's agents here, Wailen and Company, have so far received no detailed reports from the Fakira.

There is no record of the Symphony, but it is believed that she is a recently renamed ship.

**Divorce Petition  
Action**  
The Defence in an action to strike out a divorce petition opened before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning, when the defendant gave evidence on her own behalf.

Plaintiff in the present proceedings is Pe-yun Fok, of 82 Robinson Road. He is represented by Mr. Brook A. Bernick, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Wilkinson and Grist.

Defendant is the petitioner in the divorce case, May-yuk Fok, of 5 Village Terrace, second floor. She is represented by Mr. W. S. Winter, instructed by Hastings and Co.

Plaintiff claimed to be Macao-born and a naturalised Portuguese subject. He asked for the dismissal of the divorce petition, in which he is the respondent, on the ground that he was not domiciled in Hongkong.

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